



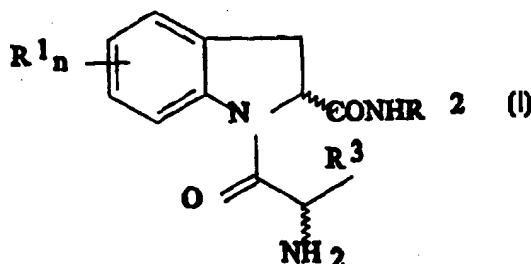
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(57) Abstract

The invention is relative to a compound of formula (I), wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and n are as defined, together with a process for its preparation. The invention is also relative to the use of a compound (I) as an inhibitor of the CCK-inactivating peptidase tripeptidyl peptidase (TPP II). The invention concerns in particular the treatment of eating disorder, obesity, psychotic syndromes and associated psychiatric disorders. It concerns also the cosmetic use of a compound (I) in particular to aid slimming.



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TRIPLEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS

The present invention relates to inhibitors of a membrane tripeptidyl peptidase responsible for the inactivation of endogenous neuropeptides such as cholecystokinins (CCKs).

5 Cholecystokinins (CCKs) are a family of hormonal and neuronal peptides which exert pleiotropic biological effects in the gut and brain. For example, CCK-33, the sulphated tritriaconta-peptide is implicated in the control of gall-bladder contraction, gastric emptying and intestinal motility (Dockray, G.J., *Gastrointestinal Endocrinology: Receptors and Post-receptors*
10 *Mechanisms* (ed. Thompson, J.) 321-332 (Academic, New York 1990)).

In cerebral neurons, CCK immunoreactivity corresponds mainly to the sulphated carboxy-terminal octapeptide CCK-8 (Vanderhaegen, J.J., Signeau, J.C. and Gepts, W., *Nature*, **257**, 604-605, (1975); Dockray, G.J., *Nature* **264**, 568-570 (1976)). CCK immunoreactivity and dopamine coexist in
15 mesolimbic neurons and may be implicated in psychotic disorders, (Hökfelt, T. et al., *Nature*, **285**, 476-479 (1980)).

The actions of CCK are mediated by CCK_A and CCK_B receptors. CCK is known to have a physiological role in the control of food intake, which is enhanced by CCK_A agonists (Smith, G.P. and Gibbs, J., *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.*,
20 **713**, 236-241 (1994)), and the control of anxiety, which is decreased by CCK_B antagonists (Woodruff, G. and Hughes, J.A., *Rev. Pharmac.*, **31**, 469-501 (1991)).

Tripeptidyl peptidase II (TPP II) is a CCK inactivating peptidase. TPP II is found in neurons responding to cholecystokinins as well as in non-
25 neuronal cells. TPP II is considered to be a neuropeptidase responsible for CCK-8 inactivation (Rose, C *et al*, *Nature*, **380**, 403-409, (1996)). TPP II has the following characteristics:

- 1) in two steps, it rapidly cleaves the neuropeptide CCK-8 into biologically inactive fragments with a reasonably high degree of specificity;
- 30 2) it is expressed by CCK-responsive neurons; and

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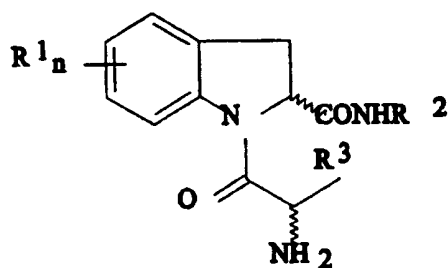
- 3) its inhibition allows neuronal CCK-8 to escape inactivation and results in CCK-like effects such as satiation in rodents.

TPP II could be involved in CCK-8 inactivation in the gastrointestinal tract. Exogenous CCK reduces food intake and elicits other behavioural concomitants of satiation. Food intake is increased by systemic administration of CCK_A receptor agonists (Smith, G.P. and Gibb, J., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci., **713**, 236-241, (1994)). Endogenous CCK-controlling food intake seems to be of neuronal rather than hormonal origin and acts upon peripheral CCK_A receptors on vagal afferent fibres (Smith, G.P. *et al.*, Am. J. Physiol., **249**, R638-R641 (1985)). In addition TPPII, although displaying preference for CCK, is also able to hydrolyse several other peptides with a free N-terminal ammonium group.

Inhibitors of TPP II are useful tools in investigating the functions of CCK neurons and may be useful drugs for the treatment of disorders such as over-eating, problems with gastrointestinal motility and psychotic syndromes.

The present invention relates to compounds which are useful in inhibiting TPP II, processes for producing these compounds, pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds and the use of the compounds to inhibit TPP II.

The present invention provides a compound of the following formula I:



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wherein: each R^1 may be the same or different, and is chosen from

halogen; OH; C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkenyl or C_1-C_6 alkynyl,
 optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures
 thereof; $X(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, wherein X is S, O or OCO, and the alkyl is
 optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures
 thereof; $SO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, optionally substituted by at least one
 halogen; or YSO_3H , $YSO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, wherein Y is O or NH and
 the alkyl is optionally substituted by at least one halogen; a
 diradical $-X^1-(C_1-C_2 \text{ alkylene})-X^1-$ wherein X^1 is O or S; a benzene
 ring fused to the indoline ring;

n is from 0 to 4;

R^2 is CH_2R^4 , wherein R^4 is

C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures
 thereof; $(CH_2)_pZ(CH_2)_qCH_3$, wherein Z is O or S, p is from 0 to 5
 and q is from 0 to 5, provided that $p + q$ is from 0 to 5;

C_2-C_6 unsaturated alkyl; or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

or R^2 is C_1-C_6 alkyl or $O(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, each optionally substituted by at least one
 halogen;

R^3 is H; C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by at least one halogen; $(CH_2)_pZR^5$
 wherein p is from 1 to 3, Z is O or S and R^5 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl; benzyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

The invention provides in particular a compound of the above
 formula I wherein: each R^1 may be the same or different, and is chosen from

halogen; OH; C_1-C_6 alkyl, optionally substituted by at least one
 halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $X(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, wherein X is S, O
 or OCO, optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or
 mixtures thereof; $SO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, optionally substituted by at
 least one halogen; or YSO_3H , $YSO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, wherein Y is O
 or NH optionally substituted by at least one halogen;

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n is from 0 to 4;

R^2 is CH_2R^4 , wherein R^4 is

C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $(CH_2)_pZ(CH_2)_qCH_3$, wherein Z is O, S, p is from 0 to 5 and

5 q is from 0 to 5, provided that $p + q$ is from 0 to 5;

C_2-C_6 unsaturated alkyl; or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl,

or R^2 is C_1-C_6 alkyl or $O(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, each optionally substituted by at least one halogen;

R^3 is H or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

Compounds of formula (I) wherein $n = 0$ or when n is not 0 wherein R^1 is a halogen atom, a $O(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, OH or a $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$ group, R^2 is CH_2R^4 with R^4 being $(CH_2)_2SCH_3$, $(CH_2)_2OH$ or cyclohexyl or R^2 is a $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ group, and R^3 is an hydrogen atom or a $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$ group, are known

15 from WO 96/35805 and are not included in the present invention.

According to one aspect of the present invention, it is relative to compounds of formula (I) wherein R^2 is CH_2R^4 , R^4 being C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by at least one halogen; $(CH_2)_pZ(CH_2)_qCH_3$ wherein Z is O (p and q are as defined above); C_2-C_6 unsaturated alkyl; or R^2 is $O(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ optionally

20 substituted by at least one halogen.

According to another aspect of the present invention, it is relative to compounds of formula (I) wherein n is not 0 and R^1 is C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $X(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$ wherein X is S

25 or OCO, optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $O(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $SO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, optionally substituted by at least one halogen; or YSO_3H , $YSO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$ wherein Y is O or NH optionally substituted by at least one halogen.

30 According to another aspect, the present invention is directed to

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compounds (I) wherein n is not 0 and R¹ represents a C₁-C₆ alkenyl or C₁-C₆ alkynyl group.

The alkyl groups may be straight-chain or branched. The alkyl groups have from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, preferably from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

5 Suitable alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl or t-butyl. Preferred alkyl groups are C₁₋₄ straight chain alkyl. Typically a substituted alkyl group has from 1 to 6 substituents and preferably from 1 to 3 substituents. Halogen is typically F, Cl, Br, or I, preferably Cl or F, most preferably F.

10 The alkenyl or alkynyl groups may be straight-chain or branched. These groups contain from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, preferably from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

Typical alkenyl groups include ethenyl.

Typical alkynyl groups include ethynyl.

15 Unsaturated alkyl groups (in R²) contain one or more double or triple bonds.

According to still another aspect of the invention, it is relative to compounds (I) wherein R¹ is a diradical -X¹-(C₁-C₂ alkylene)-X¹- where X¹ is as defined above. R¹ is typically -OCH₂O-.

20 The diradical is preferably attached to the indoline ring at the positions 4 and 5 (4,5-positions) or at the positions 5 and 6 (5,6-positions).

According to another aspect, the invention is directed to compounds (I) wherein R¹ represents a benzene ring fused to the indoline ring.

The benzene ring is preferably attached at the 4-positions, or at
25 the 5,6-positions.

The present invention provides also compounds (I) wherein R³ represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by at least one halogen; (CH₂)_pZR⁵ where p, Z and R⁵ are as defined above, or a benzyl.

Preferably R³ is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, and most preferably R³
30 is ethyl.

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Preferably R^2 is CH_2R^4 , wherein R^4 is CF_3 , CF_2CF_3 , CH_2OCH_3 , CH_2SCH_3 , SCH_3 , $CH(OH)CH_3$, CH_2F , CH_2Cl , $C=CH_2$, $C\equiv CH$, or cyclopropyl, or R^2 is $NHCH_3$. More preferably R^4 is CH_2OCH_3 , $CH(OH)CH_3$, CH_2SCH_3 , or R^4 contains one or more halogen substituents, preferably the or each halogen is
5 fluorine or chlorine, for example CH_2Cl , CH_2F , CHF_2 , CF_3 or CF_2CF_3 , and most preferably R^4 is CF_3 .

Each R^1 , which may be the same or different is preferably, CH_3 , OCH_3 , Cl , F , OH , OCF_3 , OSO_3H , OSO_2CH_3 , $OCOCH_3$, OSO_2CF_3 , SO_2CH_3 , SCH_3 , $NHSO_2CH_3$ or CF_3 . Most preferably each R^1 is OCH_3 , OH , Cl or F .

10 The number of substituents R^1 is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and preferably, n is 0, 1 or 2. When n is 1, R^1 is preferably at the 4-, 5- or 6-position, most preferably at the 4- or 5-position. When n is 2, the two R^1 groups are preferably at the 4- and 5-positions, 4- and 6-positions or 5- and 6-positions, and are most preferably at the 4- and 5-positions. When n is 3, the three R^1
15 groups are preferably at the 4-, 5- and 6- positions.

The compounds of the invention generally have at least two chiral centres. These are the carbon atoms at the 2-position on the indoline ring and the carbon atom to which R^3 is attached. The stereochemistry at each of the chiral centres may independently be (S) or (R). Preferably the stereochemistry
20 of at least one chiral centre is (S). Most preferably the stereochemistry at both chiral centres is (S). The (S),(S) stereochemistry corresponds to the stereochemistry of naturally occurring amino acids. However, it is not essential that the stereoisomers are separated. For example 1-(2(S)-aminobutyl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
25 and 1-(2(S)-aminobutyl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate have been shown to have useful activity.

The invention also provides a method for inhibiting the activity of TPP II which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to a
30 mammalian subject.

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In this respect, the invention provides a medicament acting as an inhibitor of the CCK-inactivating peptidase tripeptidyl peptidase (TPP II) and/or for the treatment of eating disorders, especially obesity and/or for the treatment of psychotic syndromes and associated psychiatric disorders, which comprises
5 a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I.

The invention also provides a compound of formula I or pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of formula I for use in the treatment of the human or animal body, particularly for the treatment of eating disorders, especially obesity.

10 The invention further provides the use of a compound of formula I for the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting the activity of TPP II and/or for treating eating disorders, especially obesity.

The compounds of the invention may be administered alone or together with any other known compound for the treatment for obesity. Suitable
15 treatments include those known in the art, for example treatment with an adrenergic β_3 -receptor agonist, a histamine H_3 -receptor antagonist, a neuropeptide Y receptor (NPY-5) antagonist, a compound acting on the amylin receptor or a compound that increases the levels of noradrenaline, dopamine or serotonin in the brain e.g. dexfenfluramine, sibutramine or fluoxetine. The
20 compound of formula I and the other obesity treatment compound may be provided in a form for simultaneous, separate or sequential administration.

The invention also provides a compounds of formula I or a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I for the treatment of psychotic syndromes and associated psychiatric disorders.

25 The invention also provides the cosmetic use of compound of formula I to aid slimming.

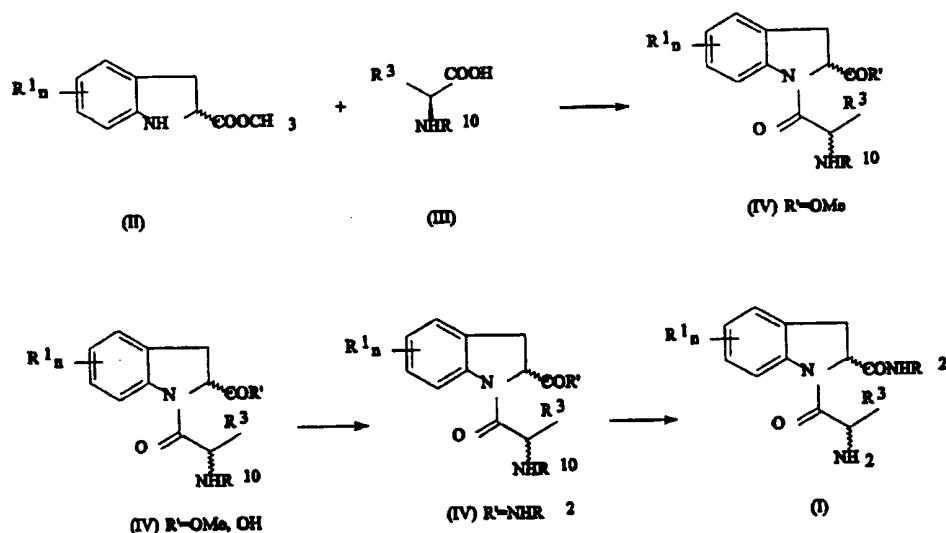
In this respect, the invention provides a cosmetic composition comprising a compound of formula I together with a physiologically acceptable carrier or diluent.

30 It is provided also a non-therapeutic method of treatment of the

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human body for slimming, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I optionally with a physiologically acceptable carrier or diluent.

The compounds of formula I may be prepared by the following
5 general procedure :



R¹, R², R³ are as defined above and R¹⁰ is H or a protecting group (e.g. benzyloxycarbonyl or t-butyloxycarbonyl).

a. Indole (or appropriately substituted indole)-2-carboxylic
10 acid alkyl ester is reduced to the indoline ester (II) by magnesium turnings in methanol, and this is coupled with a suitably protected amino acid (III) in the presence of a coupling reagent, such as bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphonic chloride (BOPCl) or a carbodiimide such as diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC), dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) or 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-
15 ethylcarbodiimide methiodide to form IV, where R' is OMe.

b. The acid of formula IV, where R' is OH, may then be prepared by hydrolyzing the corresponding ester of formula IV wherein R' is OMe with sodium hydroxide or lithium hydroxide in methanol-water solution at

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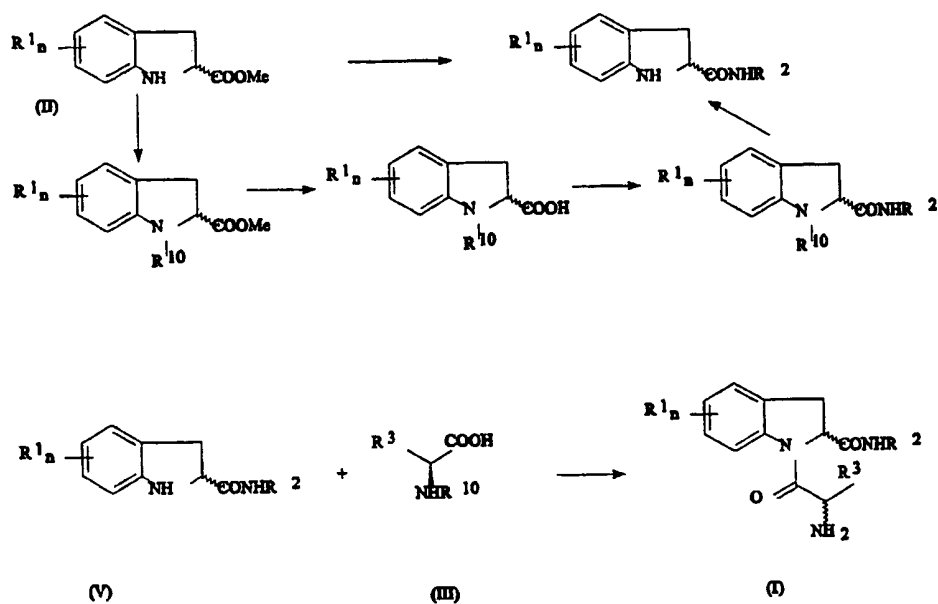
room temperature.

c. The diamides of formula IV, wherein R' is NHR^2 , are formed by coupling the acid of formula IV, where R' is OH, with an amine, R^2NH_2 , or a salt thereof in the presence of a coupling reagent, such as BOPCl, 5 DIC, DCC etc.; or by reacting the ester of formula IV wherein R' is OMe with excess amine, e.g. $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{MeSCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{MeCH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ etc., at a temperature between 15 and 60°C.

d. Removal of the protecting group R^{10} from the compound of formula IV where R' is NHR^2 to give compound I can be effected by 10 hydrogenation when R^{10} is benzyloxycarbonyl over a catalyst such as palladium on activated carbon; or by trifluoroacetic acid when R^{10} is tert-butoxycarbonyl in dichloromethane.

e. An alternative route to obtain the diamides of formula IV wherein R' is NHR^2 , is to prepare an indoline 2-substituted carboxamide of 15 formula V, then couple it with the amino acid of formula III to obtain a compound of formula IV wherein R' is NHR^2 . Removal of the protecting group R^{10} can be effected as described above. The compound of formula V can be prepared by reacting the indoline ester II with excess amine with or without methanol (when the amine is reactive), at a temperature between 15 and 60°C, 20 or by hydrolyzing the protected indoline ester to its acid, then treating the acid with an amine in the presence of a coupling reagent (such as BOPCl, DIC or DCC), followed by the removal of the protecting group, R^{10} as described above.

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^{10} are as defined above.

The products obtained by these procedures can be converted into a salt.

Physiologically acceptable salts according to the invention which may be conveniently used include physiologically acceptable acid addition salts, including the hydrochloride, acetate, trifluoroacetate and oxalate.

Acid addition salts according to the invention include mono- and di-carboxylic acids in which the non-carbonyl moiety of the carboxylate grouping is selected from straight or branched chain alkyl (e.g. methyl, n-propyl, n-butyl or t-butyl); cyclic alkyl (e.g. cyclohexyl); alkoxyalkyl (e.g. methoxymethyl),

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carboxyalkyl (e.g. carboxyethyl), aralkyl (e.g. benzyl), aryloxyalkyl (e.g. phenoxymethyl), aryl (e.g. phenyl optionally substituted by halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy or amino); sulfonic acids such as alkyl- or aralkyl-sulfonate (e.g. methanesulfonate); mono- or di-phosphoric acids which may or may not be
 5 blocked, amino acids (e.g. L-valine or L-isoleucine) and nitrate. With regards to these acid components, unless otherwise specified, any alkyl moieties present in such acids preferably contain from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, particularly from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, in the case of straight chain alkyl groups, or 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the case of branched or cyclic alkyl groups. Any aryl moiety
 10 present in such acids advantageously comprises a phenyl group.

Any reference herein to any of the above compounds of the invention also includes a reference to the physiologically acceptable salts thereof.

Particular compounds of formula I include:

- 15 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;
- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid 2-chloroethylamide;
- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2-methylthioethyl)amide;
- 20 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid N-(cyclopropylmethyl)amide;
- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;
- 25 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2,-trifluoroethyl)amide;
- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;
- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
 30 (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;

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- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amidé;
- 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-
carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;
- 5 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
Particular compounds of formula I include also:
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic
acid butyl amide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid
10 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloro-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid
2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz-[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid
2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide
- 15 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
butyl amide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz-[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid butyl
amide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic
20 acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
trifluoroethylamide
- 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[f]-indoline-2-(S/R)-carboxylic acid
2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide
- 25 1-[2-(S)-phenylalanyl]-5-Chloro-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 1-[2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-
30 trifluoroethyl)amide

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- 1-[2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 1-[2(S)-norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 5 1-[2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 10 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide
- 15 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In addition to the above, compounds of formula I which, *in vitro*, have a K_i value of less than 1.0nM are especially preferred.

The compounds of formula I may be used *in vitro* or *in vivo* as TPP II inhibitors. For *in vivo* use, the compounds may be useful in the development and standardisation of assays for TPP II and inhibitors thereof.

For *in vivo* use the compounds may be useful in the control of stomach emptying and control of appetite for food.

The compounds of formula I may be administered to mammals including humans, by any route appropriate to the condition to be treated. Suitable routes include oral, rectal, nasal, topical (including buccal and sublingual), vaginal and parenteral (including subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, intradermal, intrathecal and epidural). It will be appreciated that the preferred route may vary with, for example, the condition of the recipient.

For each of the above-identified utilities and indications, the amount required of the individual active ingredients will depend upon a number

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of factors including the severity of the condition to be treated and the identity of the recipient, and will also be at the discretion of the attendant physician. In general, however, for each of these utilities and indications, a suitable, effective dose will be in the range of from 0.001 to 10mg per kilogram body weight per day and most preferably in the range of from 0.01 to 1mg per kilogram body weight per day. Unless otherwise indicated, all weights of active ingredient are calculated as the parent compound, and for salts thereof the figures would be increased proportionately.

The desired dose may suitably be presented as two, three, four or more sub-doses administered at appropriate intervals throughout the day.

These sub-doses may be administered in unit dosage forms, for example containing from 0.01 to 1000mg, preferably from 0.01 to 500mg of active ingredient per unit dosage form.

Doses of compounds of the invention may be administered at sub-daily or daily intervals, or less frequently, for example on alternate days, weekly or fortnightly. In general the doses will be the same as the above daily dose, although higher doses, particularly when formulated to be released over a prolonged period of time, may be used.

While it is possible for the compounds to be administered alone it is preferable to present them as pharmaceutical formulations. The formulations of the present invention comprise at least one active ingredient, as above defined, together with one or more acceptable carriers thereof and optionally other therapeutic ingredients. The carrier(s) must be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the recipients thereof.

The formulations include those suitable for oral, rectal, nasal, topical (including buccal and sublingual), vaginal or parenteral (including subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous, intradermal, intrathecal and epidural) administration. The formulations may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form and may be prepared by any of the methods well known in the

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art of pharmacy. Such methods include the step of bringing into association the active ingredient with the carrier which constitutes one or more accessory ingredients. In general the formulations are prepared by uniformly and intimately bringing into association the active ingredient with liquid carriers or
5 finely divided solid carriers or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product.

Formulations of the present invention suitable for oral administration may be presented as discrete units such as capsules, cachets or tablets each containing a predetermined amount of the active ingredient; as a
10 powder or granules; as a solution or a suspension in an aqueous liquid or a non-aqueous liquid; or as an oil-in-water liquid emulsion or a water-in-oil liquid emulsion.

A tablet may be made by compression or moulding, optionally with one or more accessory ingredients. Compressed tablets may be prepared
15 by compressing in a suitable machine the active ingredient in a free-flowing form such as a powder or granules, optionally mixed with a binder (e.g. povidone, gelatin, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose), lubricant, inert diluent, preservative, disintegrant (e.g. sodium starch glycolate, cross-linked povidone, cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose), surface-active or dispersing
20 agent.

A capsule may be made by filling a loose or compressed powder on an appropriate filling machine, optionally with one or more additives. Examples of suitable additives include binders such as povidone; gelatin, lubricants, inert diluents and disintegrants as for tablets.

25 Compositions suitable for transdermal administration may be presented as discrete patches adapted to remain in intimate contact with the epidermis of the recipient for a prolonged period of time. Such patches suitably contain the active compound 1) in an optionally buffered, aqueous solution or 2) dissolved in an adhesive or 3) dispersed in a polymer. A suitable
30 concentration of the active compound is about 1% to 35%, preferably about 3%

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to 15%.

Formulations suitable for parenteral administration include aqueous and non-aqueous sterile injection solutions which may contain anti-oxidants, buffers, bacteriostats and solutes which render the formulation isotonic with the blood of the intended recipient; and aqueous and non-
5 aqueous sterile suspensions which may include suspending agents and thickening agents, and liposomes or other microparticulate systems which are designed to target the compound to blood components or one or more organs. The formulations may be presented in unit-dose or multi-dose containers, for
10 example sealed ampoules and vials, and may be stored in a freeze-dried (lyophilized) condition requiring only the addition of the sterile liquid carrier, for example water for injections, immediately prior to use.

The following Examples illustrate the invention.

The following abbreviations are used hereafter:

15 Abu: aminobutyryl; Ar: aromatic; Bn: benzyl; Boc: t-butoxycarbonyl; Ph: phenyl; t-Bu: t-butyl; s: singlet; d: doublet; t: triplet; m: multiplet; dd: double doublet; w: weak; vs: very small; str: strong.

EXAMPLE 1

**Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid
20 (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

5-Chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

5-Chloroindole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3g, 13.4 mmol) and magnesium turnings (0.652g, 26.8 mmol) were suspended in dried methanol (300 ml). This mixture was stirred at 5 to 10°C under nitrogen for 3 hours, then poured into
25 dichloromethane (400 ml), and washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution, the organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. The resulting solid was chromatographed on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluent, to furnish the
30 indoline ester as a yellow solid.

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MS (EI) m/z 211 (M⁺, 100), 152 (M, 81).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 6.70-7.05(m, 2H, ArH), 6.63 (d, 1H, ArH), 4.25-4.45 (m, 2H, NH and NCHCO of indoline), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.29-3.42 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline).

5 **1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

To a solution of 5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.2g, 5.69 mmol) and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyric acid (1.27g, 6.25 mmol) dissolved in dried dichloromethane (10 ml) under nitrogen at 10°C, was added
10 diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.98 ml, 6.30 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to afford a brown solid which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 20:1 dichloromethane : diethyl ether as eluent. A white foam was obtained which was the mixture of two diastereomers. The two
15 diastereomers were separated by column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit:diethyl ether as eluent, and the pure (S,S) form was obtained as a white foam.

MS (Fab) m/z 397 (MH⁺, 8), 211 (49), 189(66), 145(100), 102 (56), 57 (91).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.19 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.24 (m, 2H, ArH),
20 5.23-5.42 (dd, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 5.02 (d, 1H, NH of Abu), 4.86-4.95, 4.33-4.39 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.68, 3.69 (2s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.07-3.08, 3.30-3.62 (m, 2H, CNCHCO of indoline), 1.59-2.05 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.44 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.09, 0.98 (2t, 3 H, CH₃ of Abu).

25 **1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid**

To the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.2g, 3 mmol) in methanol (20 ml), was added sodium hydroxide(0.24g, 6 mmol) in water (10 ml). The solution was stirred at 5-10°C for 4 hours. The mixture was poured into dichloromethane (50
30 ml), and washed with cold potassium hydrogen sulphate (3 x 20 ml), then water

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(30 ml). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, and evaporated to provide a white foam which was pure enough for the next reaction.

MS (Fab) m/z 383(MH^+ , 8), 327(14), 197(12), 145(63), 58(100).

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.20 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.18-7.25 (m, 2H, ArH),
 5 5.66-6.50(m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline, COOH), 5.08-5.20 (dd, 1H, NH of Abu),
 4.70-4.80 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.42-3.70 (m, 2H, CH_2 of indoline), 1.50-2.00 (m,
 2H, CH_2 of Abu), 1.57 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.05 (t, 3H, CH_3 of Abu).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

10 1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.192g, 0.5 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (0.205g, 1.5 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (5 ml) under nitrogen at 0°C, and triethylamine (0.63 ml, 4.5 mmol) was added followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.382g, 1.5 mmol). The temperature was
 15 allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give a brown solid which was columned on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit : ethyl acetate as eluent to provide a white solid.

MS (Fab) m/z 464(MH^+ , 4), 408(8), 278(14), 152(24), 58(100).

20 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.23-8.30 (m, 1H, CONH), 7.96-8.05(m, 1H, ArH), 7.21-7.23(m, 2H, ArH), 4.83-5.17 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline and NH of Abu), 3.41-4.09 (m, 5H, CH of Abu, CH_2 of indoline, CH_2CF_3), 0.85-1.98 (m, 14H, CH_2 of Abu, t-Bu, CH_3 of Abu).

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

25 1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (120 mg, 0.26 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 ml) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (1 ml) was added under nitrogen. The solution was stirred at 0 to 5°C until gas evolution
 30 ceased. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was

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treated with dried diethyl ether. A white foam was obtained after drying.

m.p. 34-35°C.

MS (Fab) m/z 364(MH⁺, 29), 58(100).

¹HNMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.90-9.40, 8.85-8.92(m, 1H, CONH) ,
 5 8.08-8.70, 7.10-7.50(m, 6H, acidic H, ArH), 5.10-5.35 (m, 1H, NCHCO of
 indoline), 2.80-4.25 (m, 5H, CH₂CF₃, CH of Abu, CH₂ of indoline), 1.75-2.00 (m,
 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 0.70-1.29(m, 5H, CH₃ of Abu, H₂O overlap).

IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 3430(broad, w) (N-H, O-H); 1687(vs), 1676(vs), 1632(w) (C=O);
 1560(w), 1478(s) (C=C); 1207(s), 1167(vs), 1126(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

10 Elemental Analysis : calculated for C₁₅H₁₇ClF₃N₃O₂·1.7CF₃COOH, C 39.63, H
 3.38, N 7.54% , found C 39.45, H 3.32, N 7.43%.

EXAMPLE 2

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid 2-

15 chloroethylamide trifluoroacetate

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid 2-chloroethylamide

Triethylamine (0.42 mL, 3 mmol) was added to the solution of 1-(N-t-
 butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid
 20 (0.152 g, 0.4 mmol) and 2-chloroethylamine hydrochloride (0.116 g, 1 mmol) in
 dried dichloromethane (10 ml) under nitrogen at 0°C, followed by bis(2-oxo-3-
 oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.255 g, 1.0 mmol). The temperature was
 allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room
 temperature for twenty-four hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated
 25 under vacuum to give a brown solid which was purified by column
 chromatography (silica gel, diethyl ether) to provide a white solid.

MS (FAB) m/z 445(MH⁺, 12), 444(33), 330(52), 258(46), 152(63), 57(100).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.0-8.1 (m, 1H, CONH), 7.68-7.8 (m, 1H,
 ArH), 7.18-7.25 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.02-5.10 (m, 1H, H2 of indoline), 4.80-4.90 (m,
 30 1H, NH of Abu), 4.08-4.18 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.40-3.75 (m, 6H, H3 of

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indoline, CH₂CH₂Cl), 1.63-1.89 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.46 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.95-1.23 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid 2-chloroethylamide trifluoroacetate

5 Trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL) was added dropwise to the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid 2-chloroethylamide (100 mg, 0.225 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) in an ice-water bath under nitrogen. This solution was stirred at 0-5°C until gas evolution ceased, then evaporated to dryness under vacuum below 45°C, and the
10 residue was treated with dried diethyl ether. A pink foam was obtained after drying.

m.p. 80-88°C.

MS (FAB) m/z 348(M+4, 8), 347(M+3, 8), 346(M+2, 37), 345(MH⁺, 13), 344(M, 60), 145(33), 57(100).

15 ¹HNMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.70-8.92 (m, 1H, CONH), 8.20-8.50 (m, 3H, acidic H), 8.10 (d, 1H, J=8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.25-7.42 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.10 (dd, 1H, H₂ of indoline), 3.10-3.76 (m, 7H, CONCH₂CH₂Cl, CH of Abu, H₃ of indoline), 1.75-2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 0.9-1.18 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

IR (KBr disc) cm⁻¹ 3330(broad, w) (N-H, O-H); 1669(vs), 1676(vs) (C=O);
20 1536(w), 1478(s) (C=C); 1202(s), 1140(vs) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

Elemental Analysis: calculated for C₁₅H₁₉Cl₂N₃O₂·1.2CF₃COOH: C, 43.44; H, 4.23; N, 8.73%. Found: C, 43.17; H, 4.52; N, 8.40%.

EXAMPLE 3

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S) carboxylic acid (2-methylthioethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
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1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid-(2-methylthioethyl)amide

To a solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.5g, 1.4 mmol) in methanol (2 ml), was added 2-

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methylthioethylamine (3 ml) under nitrogen, and the resulting solution was stirred at 60°C for 48 hours. The solution was poured into dichloromethane (20 ml), and washed with 1M potassium hydrogen sulphate, the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 ml). The combined organic layers were
 5 dried over Na₂SO₄, and then the solvent was evaporated. A white solid was obtained after column chromatography on silica gel using diethyl ether as eluent.

MS (Fab) m/z 422 (MH⁺, 69), 322 (52), 237 (61), 118 (100), 57 (30).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.11-8.123 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.50-7.56 (m,
 10 1H, CONH), 7.22 - 7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.08 - 7.11 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.83-5.43 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline and NH of Abu), 4.13 - 4.21 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.36 - 3.56 (m, 4H, CONHCH₂ CH₂ of indoline), 2.59-2.60 (m, 2H, CH₂S), 2.01 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 1.67-1.91 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.45 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.06-1.192 (t, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

15 **1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid(2-methylthioethyl) amide trifluoroacetate**

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2-methylthioethyl)amide (0.19g, 0.45 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (1.5 ml) was added under
 20 nitrogen. The solution was stirred at 0 to 5°C until gas evolution ceased. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was treated with dried diethylether. A pink foam was obtained after flash column chromatography on silica gel using 20:1 dichloromethane : methanol as eluent .
 m.p. 59.5 - 60.5°C

25 MS (Fab) m/z 322 (MH⁺, 10), 155(35), 137(100).

¹HNMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.60 (m, 1H, CONH), 8.25-8.36(m, 2H, acidic hydrogen), 8.14 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.22 -7.29, 7.08-7.12 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.03-5.06 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.15-3.73 (m, 13H, CH of Abu, CH₂ of indoline, CONHCH₂, overlap of H₂O), 2.53-2.73 (m, 2H, CH₂S), 2.06(s, 3H,
 30 SCH₃), 1.79-2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 0.99 (t, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

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IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3449(m), 3073 (w) (N-H, O-H); 1673(s), 1649(s) (C=O); 1596 (w), 1485 (m) (C=C); 1203(s), 1179(s), 1132(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

Elemental Analysis: calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} \cdot 1.2\text{CF}_3\text{COOH} \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, C 47.30, H 5.44, N 8.99%, found C 47.32, H 5.35, N 8.97%.

5 EXAMPLE 4

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid N-(cyclopropylmethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid N-(cyclopropylmethyl)amide

- 10 In a like manner to example 1, 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.30 g, 0.8 mmol) and cyclopropylmethylamine hydrochloride (0.26 g, 2.5 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (10 mL) under nitrogen at 0°C , and triethylamine (1.03 mL, 7.4 mmol) was added followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.63 g, 15 2.5 mmol). The temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then poured into dichloromethane (25 mL) and washed (NaHCO_3). The organic was dried (Na_2SO_4) and evaporated to give an off white solid which was columned on silica gel using 8:2 dichloromethane : ethyl acetate as eluent, and then further 20 purified by preparative hplc using 68% methanol.

MS(FAB) m/z 410 (MH^+)

^1H NMR (DMSO 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.18-8.07 (m, 1H, NH of CONH), 7.34-7.01 (m, 4H, ArH), 5.47-4.78 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 4.10-4.21 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.62-3.41, 3.34-2.98 (m, 3H, CH_2 of indoline & NH of CONH), 2.08-25 1.66 (m, >2H, CH_2 of Abu + H_2O), 1.52-1.34 (s, 9H, t-Bu of Boc), 1.19-0.99 (m, 3H, CH_3 of Abu), 0.52-0.33, 0.221-0.09 (m, 5H, cyclopropane).

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (N-cyclopropylmethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid N-

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(cyclopropylmethyl)amide (20 mg, 0.04 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (3 mL) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (0.2 mL) was added under nitrogen. The solution was evaporated to dryness under vacuum and the residue was treated with dried diethyl ether. A very
5 hygroscopic pale yellow foam was obtained after drying.

m.p. 57-74°C

MS(FAB) m/z 302 (MH⁺)

¹HNMR (DMSO 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 8.09-8.17, 7.03-7.37 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.96-5.11 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.55-3.78 (m, >10H, CH of Abu & CH of
10 CONHCH₂ + D₂O), 2.87-3.17 (m, 3H, CH₂ of indoline & NH of CONH & CH of CONHCH₂), 1.75-2.02 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 0.88-1.15 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu), 0.36-0.49, 0.14-0.23 (m, 5H, cyclopropane).

IR 3420(br, N-H, O-H, str overlapped by H₂O peak); 1675(s, C=O str); 1464(m, aromatic C=C); 1204(s, C-N str); 1135(s, C-O str)

15 Elemental Analysis: calculated for C₁₇H₂₃N₃O₂·1.4(CF₃CO₂H): C, 51.59; H, 5.33; N, 9.11%. Found: C, 51.66; H, 5.61; N, 8.90 %.

EXAMPLE 5

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide oxalate

20 1-(N-Benzoyloxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid

To the solution of 1-(N-benzoyloxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (2.0g, 5 mmol) in methanol (100 ml), was added lithium hydroxide(0.233g, 5.5 mmol) in water (5 ml). The solution was stirred at 5-10°C for 5 hours. The mixture was poured into dichloromethane (100 ml),
25 and washed with cold potassium hydrogen sulphate (3 x 50 ml), water (50 ml). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, and evaporated to provide a white foam which was pure enough for the next step.

MS (Fab) m/z 383(MH⁺, 34), 254 (19), 163 (16), 118 (28), 91 (100).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.24-8.29, 7.07-7.35(m, 9H, ArH), 5.97-
30 6.02, 5.69-5.72, 4.70-5.31 (m, 6H, CH and NH of Abu, NCHCO of indoline,

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CH₂Ph, COOH), 3.28-3.65(m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 1.66-2.06(m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.00-1.25(m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

1-(N-Benzoyloxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

5 1-(N-Benzoyloxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.382g, 1 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (0.207g, 1.5 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (10 ml), and triethylamine (5.5 mmol) was added, followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.508g, 2.0 mmol) under nitrogen at 0°C. The temperature was allowed to rise
 10 to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a brown solid which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit: ethyl acetate as eluent to afford a white solid.
 m.p. 189.5-190.5°C.

15 MS (Fab)m/z 464(MH⁺, 100), 463 (17), 335(55), 244(29).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.09-8.18, 7.60-7.68 (m, 1H, CONH), 7.10-7.36 (m, 9H, ArH), 4.88-5.60 (m, 4H, NCHCO of indoline and NH of Abu, CH₂Ph), 3.22- 4.16(m, 5H, CH of Abu, CH₂ of indoline, CONHCH₂), 1.60-2.07 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.05-1.13 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

20 **1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide oxalate**

10% Palladium on activated carbon (20 mg) was added to the solution of 1-(N-benzoyloxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (90 mg, 0.19 mmol) in methanol (10 ml), and the mixture
 25 was hydrogenated at 40 psi for 2.5 hours. After the catalyst was removed by filtration through celite, oxalic acid (18 mg) was added to the filtrate, and the solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure at a bath temperature less than 50°C. The pure white crystalline product was obtained by recrystallization from dried diethyl ether-methanol (40:1).

30 m.p. 148.5-149.0°C.

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MS (Fab) m/z 330 (MH^+ , 100), 245(18), 118 (20), 95 (16), 58(52).

1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.42-9.43, 8.92-9.00(m, 1H, CONH), 4.50-10.00 (acidic hydrogen overlap), 8.12-8.14 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.23 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.15-5.21, 4.60-4.69 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.62-4.01 (m, 5H, CH of Abu, CH₂ of indoline, CONHCH₂CF₃), 1.80-1.95 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 0.92-1.03 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3450(w), 3330 (w), 3232(w), 3069(w) (N-H, O-H), 1695(s), 1682(s), 1662 (s), 1651(s) (C=O), 1597(w), 1559(w), 1483(s) (C=C), 1276 (s), 1161(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

10 Elemental Analysis : calculated for $C_{15}H_{18}N_3O_2 \cdot (COOH)_2 \cdot 1.1H_2O$, C 46.49, H 5.10, N 9.57%, found C 46.24, H 5.04, N 9.71 %

EXAMPLE 6

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2,-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

15 **5-Benzoyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methylester**

5-Benzoyloxyindole-2-carboxylic acid ethylester (3 g, 10.1 mmol) and magnesium turnings (1.2 g, 50 mmol) were suspended in dried methanol (180 mL). This mixture was stirred at 5-10°C under nitrogen for 3 hours, then poured into dichloromethane, and washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated to leave a brown solid which was further purified by column chromatography (silica gel, dichloromethane) to afford a white solid.

25 1H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.20-7.40 (m, 5H, ArH of Bn), 6.62-6.83 (m, 3H, ArH of indoline), 4.974 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph), 4.366 (dd, 1H, $J_1=6.04$ Hz, $J_2=9.53$ Hz, H2 of indoline), 3.749 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 3.325 (m, 2H, H3 of indoline).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzoyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-
30 **carboxylic acid methylester**

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1-(3,3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide methiodide (2.98 g, 11 mmol) was added to a cold solution (0°C) of 5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methylester (2.83 g, 10 mmol) and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyric acid (0.203 g, 11 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) under nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 22 hours, then washed with 10% citric acid, water. The organic layer was separated, and aqueous layers were extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried and concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 petroleum spirit: diethyl ether), a white solid was obtained.

10 MS(FAB) m/z 510 (MH⁺, 15), 509 (M⁺, 26), 57 (100)

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

To a solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methylester (2.75 g, 5.76 mmol) in methanol (20 mL), was added the water solution of sodium hydroxide (0.46 g, 11.52 mmol) under nitrogen at 10-15°C. The solution was stirred at room temperature for fourteen hours, then poured into dichloromethane and washed with potassium hydrogen sulphate solution, water. The organic layer was separated and dried over magnesium sulphate, solvent removal gave a yellow foam which was pure enough for the next step.

MS (FAB) m/z 477(MNa⁺, 77), 455 (MH⁺, 28), 399(40), 269(94), 178(91), 57(100)

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoro)ethylamide

25 Triethylamine (4.9 mL, 33 mmol) was added to the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2.6 g, 5.72 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (1.55g, 11.4 mmol) in dried dichloromethane (50 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen, followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (2.902 g, 11.4 mmol). The temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was

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stirred at room temperature for twenty-four hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give a brown solid which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 8:2 diethyl ether: petroleum spirit) to provide a white solid as the desired product.

5 MS (FAB) m/z 536(MH^+ , 26), 535(34), 350(64), 259(67), 91(89), 57(85)

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide

A mixture of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide (0.9 g, 1.68 mmol) and
 10 palladium on activated carbon (0.1 g, 10% wet) in ethyl acetate (20 mL) was hydrogenated under 30 psi hydrogen at room temperature overnight. Then the catalyst was removed by filtration over celite, and the filtrate was evaporated to provide a white solid.

MS (FAB) m/z 468(MNa^+ , 23), 445 (MH^+ , 13), 346 (31), 260 (88), 134 (100)

15 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.30-8.35 (m, 1H, CONH), 7.50-7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.40-6.73 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.20-5.52 (m, 2H, OH, H2 of indoline), 4.80-5.05 (m, 1H, NH of Abu), 3.70-4.20 (m, 3H, CH_2CF_3 , CH of Abu), 3.00-3.55 (m, 2H, H3 of indoline), 0.80-2.00 (m, 14H, CH_2 of Abu, t-Bu, CH_3 of Abu).

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2, 2, 2-trifluoro)ethylamide trifluoroacetate

Trifluoroacetic acid (0.8 mL) was added dropwise to the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoro)ethylamide (200 mg, 0.44 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) in an ice-water bath under nitrogen. This solution was stirred at 0-5°C until gas
 25 evolution ceased, then evaporated to dryness under vacuum below 45°C, and the residue was treated with dried diethyl ether to give a brown foam.

m.p. 76-88°C

MS (FAB) m/z 691($2MH^+$, 7), 346 (MH^+ , 100), 261(31), 154(27), 58(64)

1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.00-9.20, 8.7-8.85 (m, 1H, CONH),

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- 8.18-8.40 (m, 2H, acidic H), 7.92, 7.84 (d, 1H, J= 9 Hz, ArH), 6.5-6.75 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.2-5.3, 5.0-5.1 (m, 1H, H2 of indoline), 3.35-4.10 (m, 5H, CH₂CF₃, OH, CH of Abu, one H3 of indoline), 2.75-3.05 (m, 1H, one H3 of indoline), 1.55-2.05(m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.01, 0.95, 0.87 (3t, 3H, J=7.3 Hz, CH₃ of Abu).
- 5 IR (KBr disc) cm⁻¹ 3291, 3090, 2970(broad, m) (N-H, O-H); 1674(vs), 1675(vs) (C=O); 1620(w), 1490(m) (C=C); 1275(vs), 1160(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).
- Elemental Analysis: calculated for C₁₅H₁₈F₃N₃O₃·1.8CF₃COOH: C, 40.58; H, 3.62; N, 7.63%. Found: C, 40.29; H, 3.70; N, 7.63 %.

10 EXAMPLE 7

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

Methyl azidoacetate

- A solution of methyl bromoacetate (150 g, 0.901 mol) in dry acetonitrile
15 (800 ml) was treated with sodium azide (58.57g , 0.901mol) under nitrogen and the mixture was heated for 20 hours at reflux. After cooling, water (150 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for half an hour. The top layer was separated and the bottom layer was treated with salt and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic phases were combined and solvent removed in vacuum at a
20 bath temperature not exceeding 50°C to give a yellow oil which was used for the next step without further purification.

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ(ppm) 3.87(s, 2H, CH₂), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃)

Methyl 2-azido-3-(2-chlorophenyl)propenoate

- Sodium pieces(3.678g, 160 mmol) were added in portions to methanol (200 ml)
25 over a 30 minute period. The resulting solution was cooled in a dry ice/acetone bath to -18°C and then over one hour a mixture of 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (4.832g, 40mmol) and methyl azidoacetate (160 mmol) was added at a rate that maintained the temperature below -15°C. After three hours, the solution was stored at 5°C for two days to give crystalline material which was collected by
30 filtration and washed with cold hexane to give pure product as a yellow

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crystals.

¹HNMR(CDCl₃, 200 MHz), δ(ppm) 8.15-8.20 (m, 1H, ArCH=), 7.24-7.43 (m, 4H, ArH), 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH₃)

4-Chloroindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

- 5 Methyl 2-azido-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-propenoate (3.566g, 14.4mmol) was suspended in toluene (800 ml) and the mixture was heated at reflux for three hours, then cooled and allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. A yellow crystalline material was obtained by filtration and recrystallised from hexane. MS (FAB) m/z 210(MH⁺, 43), 209 ((68), 139 (94), 77(100).

- 10 ¹HNMR(CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.06-9.16(m, 1H, H-N), 7.18-7.40 (m, 4H, H-Ar), 3.98(s, 3H, OCH₃).

4-Chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

- 4-Chloroindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.8g, 3.8 mmol) and magnesium turnings (0.37g, 15.2 mmol) were suspended in dried methanol (50 ml). This mixture was stirred at 5 to 10°C under nitrogen for 3 hours, then poured into dichloromethane (200 ml), and washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. A brown solid was obtained.
- 20 After column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluent, a yellow oil was obtained.

MS (Fab) m/z 212 (MH⁺, 73), 211 (M, 84), 152(100).

- ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 6.99-7.05(m, 2H, ArH), 6.58 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.53-4.62(m, 1H, NH of indoline), 4.42-4.46(m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.31-3.42 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

- To a solution of 4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.41g, 1.94 mmol) and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyric acid (0.47g, 2.33 mmol) dissolved in dried dichloromethane(10 ml) under nitrogen at 10°C, was added
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diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.36 ml, 2.33 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to afford a brown solid which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 20:1 dichloromethane: diethyl ether as eluent. A white foam was obtained which was the mixture of two diastereomers .

MS (Fab) m/z 397 (MH⁺, 15), 330(40), 189(95), 145(100)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.06-8.17(dd, 1H, ArH), 7.04-7.27 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.94-5.41 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline, NH of Abu), 4.27-4.59 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.79, 3.16 (2s, 3H, OCH₃), 0.87-2.0 (m, CH₂ of Abu, t-Bu, CH₃ of Abu).

10 **1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid**

To the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.38g, 0.96 mmol) in methanol (10 ml), was added sodium hydroxide(0.046g, 1.15 mmol) in water (4 ml). The solution was stirred at 5 to 10°C for 4 hours. The mixture was poured into dichloromethane (20 ml), and washed with cold potassium hydrogen sulphate (3 x 20 ml), and water (20 ml). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, and evaporated to provide a white foam which was pure enough for the next step.

20 MS (Fab) m/z 405(MNa⁺, 36), 330(35), 189(30), 145(100) 89(60)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.16 (2d, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.27(m, 2H, ArH), 4.80-6.20(m, COOH overlap), 5.68-5.70 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 5.06-5.09 (m, 1H, NH of Abu), 4.66-4.86 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 4.20-4.30, 3.56-3.75 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 0.84-2.05(m, 14H, CH₂ of Abu, t-Bu, CH₃ of Abu).

25 **1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.2g, 0.52 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (0.142g, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (10 ml) under nitrogen at 0°C, and triethylamine (0.44 ml, 3 mmol) was added followed by bis(2-oxo-3-

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oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.265g, 1.0 mmol). The temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give a brown solid which was columned on silica gel using 95:5 dichloromethane: diethyl ether as eluent to provide a white solid as the desired product.

MS (Fab) m/z 486(MNa^+ , 25), 408(20), 364(30), 280(35), 152(100)

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.92-8.30(m, 1H, CONH), 6.85-7.55(m, 3H, ArH), 4.85-5.50 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline and NH of Abu), 3.18-4.15 (m, 5H, CH of Abu, CH_2 of indoline, CH_2CF_3), 1.44-2.00 (m, 2H, CH_2 of Abu), 1.44 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.87-1.39 (m, 3H, CH_3 of Abu).

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (70 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 ml) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (1 ml) was added under nitrogen. The solution was stirred at 0 to 5°C until gas evolution ceased. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was treated with dried diethyl ether. A white foam was obtained after column chromatography on flash silica gel by using 20:1 dichloromethane:methanol as eluent.

m.p. 104-106°C.

MS (Fab) m/z 386(MNa^+ , 40), 364(MH^+ , 100), 152(60).

1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.10-9.26 (m, 1H, CONH), 8.02-8.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.08-7.40(m, 2H, ArH), 5.25-5.40 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 2.96-4.10 (m, 5H, CH_2CF_3 , CH of Abu, CH_2 of indoline, H_2O), 1.60-1.90(m, 2H, CH_2 of Abu), 0.95, 0.84(2t, 3H, CH_3 of Abu).

IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3370 (broad, w) (N-H, O-H); 1730(vs), 1670 (vs), 1650(m) (C=O); 1590(s) 1470(m), (C=C); 1205(s), 1162(vs), 1130(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

30 Elemental Analysis: calculated for $C_{15}H_{17}ClF_3N_3O_2 \cdot 1.2CF_3COOH \cdot 0.5H_2O$ C

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41.01, H 3.80, N 8.25% , found C 40.92, H 3.81, N 8.10 %.

EXAMPLE 8

Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

5 4-Fluoroindole-2-carboxylic acid

To a mixture of potassium ethoxide (5.317g, 63mmol) in diethyl ether (250 ml), ethyl oxalate (8.65 ml, 63 mmol) was added. After the solid ethoxide disappeared, 2-fluoro-6-nitrotoluene (10g, 63.18 mmol) in diethyl ether (20 ml) was added, and the mixture was stirred at 35 to 38°C for eighteen hours. Water
10 (200 ml) was added, and the aqueous layer separated from the ether layer. The deep red aqueous solution was washed with ether (2 x 30 ml) to remove the unchanged starting materials, and acidified with a slight excess of hydrochloric acid, then the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 ml). The combined ethyl acetate layers were evaporated and a brown solid was
15 obtained which gave a yellow solid after recrystallization from acetic acid. This yellow solid was dissolved in ammonia (70 ml, d=0.88 diluted to 100 ml with water), then a hot solution of ferrous sulphate (90 g of hydrated crystals in 100 ml of water) added, and the mixture was stirred on a water bath for an hour. After cooling, the black sludge of ferric hydroxide was filtered off and
20 washed well with warm water containing a little ammonia until a test portion gave only a faint milkiness on acidification. The filtration and washings were concentrated, the solution acidified and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was concentrated to give a brown solid as the desired product.

4-Fluoroindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

25 4-Fluoroindole-2-carboxylic acid (0.65g, 3.40 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (50 ml), and 4-toluenesulfonic acid (1.4g, 7.36 mmol) was added under nitrogen. The solution was stirred at reflux for 24 hours. Most of the methanol was removed by evaporation, and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 ml), washed with saturated sodium carbonate, and the
30 organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with

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dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over sodium sulphate, and evaporated to yield a yellow crystalline material.

MS(EI) m/z 193(M^+ , 65), 161(100), 133(50), 107(35)

5 $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 200MHz), δ (ppm) 8.90-9.10(m, 1H, NH of indole), 7.20-7.30 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.76-6.85(m, 1H, ArH.), 3.95(s, 1H, OCH_3)

4-Fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

4-Fluoroindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.52g, 2.7 mmol) and magnesium turnings (0.136g, 5.6 mmol) were suspended in dried methanol
10 (30 ml). This mixture was stirred at 5 to 10°C under nitrogen for 3 hours, then poured into dichloromethane (100 ml), and washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 40 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. A brown solid was obtained. After
15 column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluent, a reddish oil was obtained.

MS(EI) m/z 195(M^+ , 17), 172(20), 136(100), 109(40)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.01-7.03(m, 1H, H-Ar), 6.42-6.50(m, 2H, ArH), 4.42-4.58 (m, 2H, NH and NCHCO of indoline), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.39-
20 3.41(m, 2H, CH_2 of indoline).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

To a solution of 4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.43g, 2.205 mmol) and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyric acid (0.47g, 2.33 mmol)
25 dissolved in dried dichloromethane(10 ml) under nitrogen at 10°C, was added diisopropylcarbodiimide (0.36 ml, 2.33 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to afford a brown solid which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 10:1 dichloromethane: diethyl ether as eluent. An off-white
30 foam was obtained which was the mixture of the two diastereomers.

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MS (EI) m/z 381 (M⁺), 307(10), 195(80), 136(100), 57(96)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.90-8.12(2d, 1H, ArH), 7.10-7.20 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.70-7.00(m, 1H, ArH), 4.90-5.50 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline and NH of Abu), 4.10-4.45 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.80, 3.72 (2s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.37-3.65, 3.10-
5 3.25 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 1.50-1.95 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.45 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.90-1.30 (m, 3 H, CH₃ of Abu).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

To the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-
10 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.27g, 0.71 mmol) in methanol (10 ml), was added sodium hydroxide (0.028g, 0.71 mmol) in water (4 ml). The solution was stirred at 5 to 10°C for 4 hours. The mixture was poured into dichloromethane (20 ml), and washed with cold potassium hydrogen sulphate (3 x 20 ml), and water (20 ml). The organic layer was dried over sodium
15 sulphate, and evaporated to provide a white foam which was pure enough for the next reaction.

MS (Fab) m/z 389(MNa⁺, 100), 311(60), 182(55), 136(52), 136(52), 57(75)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.92-8.05(m, 1H, ArH), 6.30-7.28 (m, 3H, ArH, COOH), 5.60-5.75(dd, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 5.03-5.20 (m, 1H, NH of
20 Abu), 4.62-4.74 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.25-3.65 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 0.85-2.05(m, 14H, CH₂ of Abu, t-Bu, CH₃ of Abu).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid
25 (0.12g, 0.32 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (0.136g, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (10 ml) under nitrogen at 0°C, and triethylamine (0.44 ml, 3 mmol) was added followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.265g, 1.0 mmol). The temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room
30 temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under

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vacuum to give a brown solid. A white solid was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit : ethyl acetate as eluent followed by recrystallization from diethyl ether.

MS (Fab) m/z 448(MH⁺, 25), 392(30), 154(100), 137(59)

5 ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.17-8.30(m, 1H, CONH), 7.65-7.95(m, 1H, ArH), 7.12-7.25, 6.73-6.90(m, 2H, ArH), 4.80-5.40 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline and NH of Abu), 3.15-4.20(m, 5H, CH of Abu, NCHCO of indoline, CH₂CF₃), 0.86-2.00(m, 14H, CH₂ of Abu, t-Bu, CH₃ of Abu).

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (80 mg, 0.179 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 ml) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (0.8 ml) was added under nitrogen. The solution was stirred at 0 to 5°C until gas evolution ceased. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was treated with dried ether. A white foam was obtained after column chromatography on flash silica gel by using 20:1 dichloromethane:methanol as eluent.

m.p. 57.5-58.5°C.

20 MS (Fab) m/z 348 (MH⁺, 100),

¹HNMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.25-9.30 (m, 1H, CONH), 8.28-8.49 (m, 3H, acidic H), 7.97(d, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.40, 6.93-7.05(m, 2H, ArH), 5.15-5.29 (dd, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.10-4.10 (m, 10H, CH₂CF₃, CH of Abu, CH₂ of indoline, H₂O), 1.75-2.05(m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.03, 0.98 (2t, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

25 IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 3443(broad, w), (N-H, O-H); 1686(vs), 1671(vs) (C=O); 1601(w), 1472(m) (C=C); 1208(vs), 1168(vs), 1143(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

Elemental Analysis: calculated for C₁₅H₁₇F₄N₃O₂·2.5CF₃COOH, C 37.99, H 3.11, N 6.64%, found C 38.14, H 3.03, N 6.39%.

EXAMPLE 9

30 **Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic**

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acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

5-Methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

5-Methoxyindole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (2g, 9.13 mmol) and magnesium turnings (0.432g, 18 mmol) were suspended in dried methanol (30 ml). This mixture was stirred at 5 to 10°C under nitrogen for 3 hours, then poured into dichloromethane (200 ml), and washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. A brown solid was obtained. After column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluent, a brown solid was obtained.

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 6.62-6.72(m, 3H, ArH), 4.23-4.39(m, 2H, NCHCO and NH of indoline), 3.76 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 3.74 (s, 3H, ArOCH₃), 3.29-3.42 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline).

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

To a solution of 5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.5g, 7.23 mmol) and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyric acid (1.62g, 7.96 mmol) dissolved in dried dichloromethane (15 ml) under nitrogen at 10°C, was added diisopropylcarbodiimide (1.00 ml, 7.96 mmol) . The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to afford a brown solid which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluent. A white foam was obtained which was the mixture of two diastereomers.

MS (Fab) m/z 393 (MH⁺, 14), 207(76), 148(61), 57(100)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.05-8.19 (2d, 1H, ArH), 6.70-6.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.88-5.70(m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline, NH of Abu), 4.16-4.40 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.71-3.76(m, 6H, COOCH₃, ArOCH₃), 3.00-3.65 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 1.55-2.05(m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.46, 1.42, 1.41 (3s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.08, 0.96, 0.90 (3t, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

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1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

To the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.3g, 3.3 mmol) in methanol (20 ml), was added sodium hydroxide (0.265g, 6.6 mmol) in water (10 ml). The solution was stirred at 5 to 10°C for 4 hours. The mixture was poured into dichloromethane (40 ml), and washed with cold potassium hydrogen sulphate (3 x 20 ml), and water (20 ml). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, and evaporated to provide a white foam which was pure enough for the next step.

MS (Fab) m/z 379(MH⁺, 10), 323(16), 193(61), 145(70), 57(100)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.05-8.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.70-7.05 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.90-5.75 (m, 2H, NCHCO of indoline, NH of Abu), 4.20-4.70 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.76 (s, 3H, ArOCH₃), 3.30-3.75 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 0.80-2.05 (m, 14H, CH₂ of Abu, t-Bu, CH₃ of Abu).

15 1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxy-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.38g, 1 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (0.271g, 2.0 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (20 ml) under nitrogen at 0°C, and triethylamine (0.7 ml, 5 mmol) was added followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.509g, 2 mmol). The temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give a brown solid which was columned on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent to provide a white solid as the desired product.

MS (Fab) m/z 460(MH⁺, 14), 360(14), 274(60), 148(100), 57(81)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.96-8.25(m, 1H, CONH), 7.42-7.65(m, 1H, ArH), 6.55-7.00(m, 2H, ArH), 4.80-5.60(m, 4H, NCHCO of indoline, NH of Abu, CH₂CF₃), 3.85-4.10 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.80(s, 3H, ArOCH₃), 3.20-3.70(m, 2H,

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CH₂ of indoline), 0.84-2.00 (m, 14H, CH₂ of Abu, t-Bu, CH₃ of Abu).

Elemental analysis : calculated for C₂₁H₂₈F₃N₃O₅ C 54.9, H 6.14, N 9.15%,
found C 54.79, H 6.38, N 9.09%

1-(2(S)-Aminobutyl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (0.2 mg, 0.435 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (2 ml) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (1 ml) was added under nitrogen. The solution was stirred at 0 to 5°C until gas evolution
10 ceased. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was treated with dried diethyl ether. A purple foam was obtained which was the mixture of two diastereomers (30:70).

m.p. 63.5-66°C

MS (Fab) m/z 719(2MH⁺, 15), 360(MH⁺, 100), 275(50), 148(45), 58(80)

15 ¹HNMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.20-9.30 (m, 1H, CONH), 8.15-8.50 (m, 3H, acidic H), 7.92-8.10 (2d, 1H, ArH), 6.75-7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.00-5.30(dd, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.40-4.10(m, 7H, CH₂CF₃, OCH₃, CH of Abu, one CH₂ of indoline), 2.86-3.15 (m, 1H, one CH₂ of indoline), 1.50-2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 0.70-1.23 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

20 IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 3403 (broad, w)(N-H, O-H); 1670(vs), 1664(vs) (C=O); 1616(w), 1491(m) (C=C); 1205(vs), 1167(vs), 1160(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

Elemental Analysis : calculated for C₁₆H₂₀F₃N₃O₃·1.4CF₃COOH·0.6H₂O, C 342.62, H 34.30, N 7.93%, found C 42.61, H 4.30, N 7.86 %.

EXAMPLE 10

25 **Synthesis of 1-(2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

5-Trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

5-Trifluoromethoxyindole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (2.25g, 8.24 mmol) and magnesium turnings (0.50g, 21.7 mmol) were suspended in dried methanol
30 (60 ml). This mixture was stirred at 5 to 10°C under nitrogen for 3 hours, then

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poured into dichloromethane (200 ml), and washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. A brown solid was obtained. After
 5 column chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane as eluent, a brown solid was obtained.

MS (EI) m/z 261 (M^+ , 28), 231(46), 214(20), 202(100), 116(51)

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 6.88-6.96(m, 2H, ArH), 6.65-6.68(m, 1H, ArH), 4.40-4.50(m, 2H, NCHCO and NH of indoline), 3.78 (s, 3H, COOCH_3),
 10 3.29-3.42 (m, 2H, CH_2 of indoline).

**1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-
 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

To a solution of 5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.95g, 7.47 mmol) and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyric acid (1.52g,
 15 7.47 mmol) dissolved in dried dichloromethane (15 ml) under nitrogen at 10°C , was added diisopropylcarbodiimide (1.00 ml, 7.96 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under vacuum to afford a brown oil which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel first by using 95:5 dichloromethane: diethyl ether
 20 as eluent, then another column on silica gel by using 7:3 petroleum spirit: diethyl ether. A yellow foam was obtained which was the mixture of two diastereomers.

MS (Fab) m/z 447 (MH^+ , 31), 391(80), 347(56), 261(100), 202(99)

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.15-8.32 (2d, 1H, ArH), 7.05-7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.25-5.45 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 4.90-5.10 (m, 1H, NH of Abu),
 25 4.15-4.45 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.74, 3.80, 3.82 (3s, 3H, COOCH_3), 3.30-3.70 (m, 2H, CH_2 of indoline), 1.65-2.05 (m, 2H, CH_2 of Abu), 1.46, 1.42 (2s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.80-1.20 (m, 3H, CH_3 of Abu).

**1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-
 30 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid**

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To the solution of 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.0g, 2.24 mmol) in methanol (15 ml), was added sodium hydroxide (0.134g, 3.36 mmol) in water (10 ml). The solution was stirred at 5 to 10°C for 4 hours. The mixture was
 5 poured into dichloromethane (40 ml), and washed with cold potassium hydrogen sulphate (3 x 20 ml), and water (20 ml). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, and evaporated to provide a white foam which was pure enough for the next step .

MS (Fab) m/z 455(MNa⁺, 100), 377(35), 248(30), 202(40) , 57 (61)

10 ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.15-8.30 (2d, 1H, ArH), 7.00-7.70 (m, 3H, COOH, ArH), 5.70-5.76, 5.18-5.23 (m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 5.40-5.50, 5.00-5.10 (m, 1H, NH of Abu), 4.65-4.75, 4.20-4.30 (m, 1H, CH of Abu), 3.20-3.70 (m, 2H, CH₂ of indoline), 1.60-2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.45, 1.42, 1.37 (3s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.90-1.15 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

15 **1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxy-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.432g, 1 mmol) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (0.271g, 2 mmol) were dissolved in dried dichloromethane (20 ml) under
 20 nitrogen at 0°C, and triethylamine (0.7ml, 5 mmol) was added followed by bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride (0.509g, 2 mmol). The temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give a brown solid which was columned on
 25 silica gel using 8:2 dichloromethane: diethyl ether as eluent to provide an off-white solid as the desired product.

MS (Fab) m/z 514(MH⁺, 25), 458(35), 414(35), 328(65), 202(100), 57(85)

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ (ppm) 8.35-8.45 (m, 1H, CONH), 8.04-8.20, 7.50-7.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.90-7.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.80-5.55 (m, 2H, NCHCO of
 30 indoline, NH of Abu), 3.20-4.20 (m, 5H, CH₂CF₃, CH of Abu, CH₂ of indoline),

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1.55-2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.45 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 0.85-1.25 (m, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

Elemental analysis : calculated for C₂₁H₂₅F₆N₃O₅ C 49.13, H 4.91, N 8.18%, found C 49.20, H 4.83, N 8.11%

5 **1-(2(S)-Aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (260mg, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (2 ml) in an ice-water bath, and trifluoroacetic acid (0.8 ml)
 10 was added under nitrogen. The solution was stirred at 0 to 5°C until gas evolution ceased. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was treated with dried diethyl ether. A brown foam was obtained.

MS (Fab) m/z 827(2MH⁺, 5), 414 (MH⁺, 100), 328(10), 202(15), 58(50)

¹HNMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 9.20-9.35 (2t, 1H, CONH), 8.30-8.50
 15 (m, 3H, acidic H), 8.19, 8.08 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.20-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.39-5.42, 5.19-5.23(m, 1H, NCHCO of indoline), 3.50-4.10 (m, 4H, CH₂CF₃, CH of Abu, one CH₂ of indoline), 2.90-3.20 (m, 1H, one CH₂ of indoline), 1.70-2.05 (m, 2H, CH₂ of Abu), 1.04, 0.98, 0.90 (3t, 3H, CH₃ of Abu).

IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 3463(broad, w) (N-H, O-H); 1688(vs), 1671(vs) (C=O); 1620(w),
 20 1486(m) (C=C); 1268(vs), 1209(vs), 1171(s) (C-O, C-N, C-F).

Elemental Analysis: calculated for C₁₈H₁₇F₆N₃O₃·1.9CF₃COOH, C 37.75, H 3.02, N 6.67% , found C 37.97, H 3.09, N 6.42 %.

EXAMPLE 11

25 **Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide trifluoroacetate**

Ethyl 4,5-dichloroindole-2-carboxylate

3,4-Dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride (25 g, 117 mmol) was treated with
 30 ethyl pyruvate (25.6 ml, 234 mmol) in ethanol (400 ml) and stirred overnight at

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room temperature. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and 200 ml of hexane was added. After filtration, 30 g of a light brown yellow precipitate was obtained, mp = 108-113°C. This compound (10 g, 36.3 mmol) was cyclised by refluxing for 4 h in toluene in the presence of anhydrous p-toluenesulfonic acid (10 g, 58 mmol) obtaining 4.5 g (47 %) of a mixture of ethyl 4,5-dichloroindol-2-carboxylate and ethyl 5,6-dichloroindol-2-carboxylate which were separated by flash column chromatography on silica gel using benzene as eluent.
MP: 215-217°C

10 **4,5-Dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared from ethyl 4, 5-dichloroindole-2-carboxylate as described in Example 1, using 6-7 eq. of magnesium turnings instead of 2-3 eq. of magnesium turnings.

15 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared from 4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in Example 1. The product can be used for the next reaction with or without the separation of two diastereoisomers by column chromatography on silica gel.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in Example 1. The product can be used for the next reaction with or without the separation of two diastereoisomers by column chromatography on silica gel.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide

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This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyl)-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described in Example 1, using butylamine instead of trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride.

5 **1-[2-(S)-Aminobutyl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide trifluoroacetate**

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyl)-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide as described in Example 1.

10 MP: 115-124°C;

Element analysis: C₁₇H₂₃Cl₂N₃O₂(CF₃COOH)1.9,

Found: C 42.37 %, H 4.30 %, N 6.85 %;

Calculated: C 42.21 %, H 4.26 %, N 6.93 %

15 **EXAMPLE 12**

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-

20 **carboxylic acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared by the procedure described in Example 11. The (S)-isomer was separated by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether: ether (7:3) as eluent.

25 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid**

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyl)-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in Example 1.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid as described in Example 1.

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1-[2-(S)-Aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic-acid-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

10 MP: 92-108°C;

Element analysis: $C_{15}H_{16}Cl_2F_3N_3O_2(CF_3COOH)1.4(CH_3COCH_3)0.2$

Found: C 38.94 %, H 3.08 %, N 7.32 %;

Calculated: C 38.81 %, H 3.29 %, N 7.38 %

15 **EXAMPLE 13**

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloro-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

Ethyl 5,6-dichloroindole-2-carboxylate

20 This compound was prepared from 3,4-dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride and ethyl -pyruvate using the procedure described in Example 11.

5,6-Dichloro indoline 2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from ethyl 5,6-dichloroindole-2-carboxylate as
25 described in Example 11.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from 5,6-dichloroindoline 2-carboxylic acid
30 methyl ester as described in Example 11.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-5,6-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in Example 1.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide

10 This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-5,6-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid as described in Example 1.

1-[2-(S)-Aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloroindoline-2-(S)-carboxylic-acid-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

15 This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

MP: 145-158°C;

Element analysis: $C_{15}H_{16}Cl_2F_3N_3O_2(CF_3COOH)_{1.2}$,

Found: C 39.09 %, H 3.29 %, N 7.53 %;

20 Calculated: C 39.06 %, H 3.24 %, N 7.85 %

EXAMPLE 14

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz-[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

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Methyl 2-azido-3-(1-naphthyl) propionate

1-Naphthaldehyde (7 g, 44.87 mmol) and methyl azidoacetate (20.64 g, 179.5 mmol) were dissolved in 210 ml of methanol and cooled to -20°C. Then sodium methoxide (9.66 g, 25 % wt.) was added dropwise such that the temperature was kept below -10°C. After stirring at -15°C for 3 hours, the

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reaction mixture was kept in refrigerator (4°C) for 2 days to give the yellow crystalline product which was collected by filtration and washed with cooled hexane to afford pure product as a yellow crystalline solid (8 g, 70 %).

5 Methyl benz[e]indole-2-carboxylate

This compound was prepared from methyl 2-azido-3-(1-naphthyl)propionate as described in Example 7.

Methyl benz[e]indoline-2-carboxylate

- 10 This compound was prepared from methyl benz[e] indole-2-carboxylate as described in Example 11.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

- 15 This compound was prepared from methyl benz[e] indoline-2-carboxylate as described in Example 1. The (S)-isomer was obtained by recrystallization from a solvent mixture of dichloromethane, ether, hexane as well as methanol.

20 1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in Example 1.

25 1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide

This compound was prepared was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid as described in Example 1.

Element analysis: $C_{24}H_{28}F_3N_3O_4$;

Found: C 60.24 %, H 5.79 %, N 8.64 %;

- 30 Calculated: C 60.12 %, H 5.88 %, N 8.76 %;

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HPLC purity: 99.6 %

1-[2-(S)-Aminobutyl]-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic-acid-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

5 This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1

MP: 64-78°C,

Element analysis: $C_{19}H_{20}F_3N_3O_2(CF_3COOH)1.7(CH_3COCH_3)0.5$,

Found: C 47.73 %, H 4.04 %, N 6.81 %;

10 Calculated: C 47.66 %, H 4.13 %, N 6.98 %

EXAMPLE 15

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide trifluoroacetate

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-benzyloxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid and butyl amine as described in

20 Example 6.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-hydroxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide as described in Example 6.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-O-triethylammonium-sulfate indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide

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1-(N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide (70 mg, 0.17 mmol) was dissolved in the minimum volume of anhydrous pyridine (1.5 ml) required to effect complete solution. To this solution was added solid triethylamine-sulfur trioxide (152 mg, 0.84 mmol).

- 5 After stirring at 0°C for 3 hours and room temperature for 2 days, the pyridine was removed by vacuum and the remaining solid was purified by preparative TLC using dichloromethane/methanol as eluent to afford 65 mg of the title product as a white crystalline solid.

MS[ESP](negative)=498 [M-NHEt₃](100 %)

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1-[2(S)-Aminobutyl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1, using less excess trifluoroacetic acid and low reaction temperature

- 15 (-10 to -5°C).

MP: 85-135°C;

Element analysis: C₁₇H₂₅N₃O₆S(CF₃COOH)0.4(H₂O)0.4(CH₃OH)0.5,

Found: C 47.25 %, H 6.31 %, N 9.10 %;

Calculated: C 46.94 %, H 6.07 %, N 8.97 %;

- 20 HPLC purity: 99.3 %(55.53 %+43.8 %)(R+S isomer);

MS(FAB): 400[M+1](40 %), 422[M+Na](16 %)

EXAMPLE 16

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyl]-benz-[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid

- 25 **butyl amide trifluoroacetate**

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl]-2-(S)-aminobutyl)-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid butyl amide

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was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-benz[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid and butylamine as described in Example 14 and deprotected to give the title product as described in Example 1.

MP: 76-88°C.

5 Element analysis: $C_{21}H_{27}N_3O_2(CF_3COOH)1.5(CH_3COCH_3)0.5$,

Found: C 55.32 %, H 5.46 %, N 7.56 %

Calculated: C 55.33 %, H 5.74 %, N 7.59 %.

MS(FAB): 354(M+1) 100 %.

HPLC purity: 98.97 %

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EXAMPLE 17

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

15 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide**

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl)-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(S/R)-carboxylic acid and butylamine as described in Example 1.

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1-[2-(S)-Aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloroindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic-acid-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

25 MP: 68-78°C

Element analysis: $C_{15}H_{16}Cl_2F_3N_3O_2(CF_3COOH)1.5(CH_3COCH_3)0.3$

Found: C 38.6 %, H 3.62 %, N 7.22 %;

Calculated: C 38.7 %, H 3.32 %, N 7.16 %.

MS(FAB): 398(M+), 32.5 %.

30 HPLC: 98.33 %.

EXAMPLE 18

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-benzyloxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid and trifluoroethylamine as described

10 in Example 15.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-hydroxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-benzyloxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide as described in

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Example 15.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-O-triethylammonium-sulfate indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide as described in

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Example 15.

MS(EPS-negative): 524(M-NEt₃H), 100 %

1-[2(S)-Aminobutyryl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic acid trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

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This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 15.

MP: 145-160°C;

30 Element analysis: C₁₅H₁₈F₃N₃O₆S(CF₃COOH)0.5(H₂O)0.5(CH₃OH)1.0,

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Found: C 38.96 %, H 4.63 %, N 8.14 %;

Calculated: C 39.01 %, H 4.53 %, N 8.03 %;

HPLC purity: 99.4 % (68.35 % + 31.2 %) (R+S isomer);

MS(FAB): 426[M+1] (100 %).

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EXAMPLE 19

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[f]-indoline-2-(S/R)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate hemi hydrate

10 **2-(Trichloroacetyl)pyrrole**

This compound was prepared from pyrrole as described in literature (J. Org. Chem. 1993 58, 26, 7246).

Ethyl pyrrole -2-carboxylate

15 This compound was prepared from 2-(trichloroacetyl) pyrrole as described in literature (J. Org. Chem. 1993, 58, 25, 7246).

2-[(5-Ethoxycarbonylpyrrole-3-yl)carbonyl] benzoic acid.

This compound was prepared from ethyl pyrrole-2-carboxylate as described in
20 literature (J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans I 1988, 3005).

2-[(5-Ethoxycarbonylpyrrol-3-yl)methyl] benzoic Acid

This compound was prepared from 2-[(5-ethoxycarbonylpyrrole-3-yl)carbonyl]
benzoic acid as described in literature (J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans I 1988,
25 3005).

Ethyl 4-[[[2-hydroxymethyl]phenyl]methyl]-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate

This compound was prepared from 2-[(5-ethoxycarbonylpyrrole-3-yl) methyl]
benzoic acid as described in literature (J. Heterocyclic Chem. 1993, 30, 217).

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Ethyl 4-[(2-formylphenyl)methyl]-1 H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate

This compound was prepared from Ethyl 4-[(2-Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]methyl]-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate as described in literature (J. Heterocyclic Chem. 1993, 30, 217).

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Ethyl benz[f]indole 2-carboxylate

This compound was prepared from ethyl 4-[(2-formylphenyl)methyl]-1 H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate as described in literature (J. Heterocyclic Chem. 1993, 30, 217).

10

Methyl benz[f]indoline 2-carboxylate

This compound was prepared from ethyl benz[f]indole 2-carboxylate as described in Example 1.

15 1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[f]indoline 2-(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from methyl benz[f] indoline 2-carboxylate as described in Example 1. The (S)-isomer was separated by column chromatography on silica gel.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[f]indoline 2-(S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[f]indoline 2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

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1-[2-(S)-Aminobutyryl]-benz[f]indoline 2-(S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate hemi hydrate

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

5 MP: 102-114°C.

Element analysis: $C_{19}H_{20}F_3N_3O_2(CF_3CO_2H)1.2(H_2O)0.5(Et_2O)0.1$,

Found: C 49.34 %, H 4.19 %, N 7.54 %,

Calculated: C 49.16 %, H 4.39 %, N 7.89 %.

HPLC purity: 98.9 %

10 MS(FAB): 380(M+1), 64.4 %.

EXAMPLE 20

Synthesis of 1-[2-(S)-phenylalanyl]-5-Cl-indoline 2(F/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

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5-Chloro-indoline 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from ethyl 5-chloro indole carboxylate as described in Example 1.

20 **1-[N-tButoxycarbonyl-2(S) phenylalanyl]-5-Cl indoline 2(R/S) carboxylic acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared from 5-chloro-indoline 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester and N-t-Boc-phenyl alanine as described in Example 1.

25 **1-[N-tButoxycarbonyl-2(S) phenylalanyl]-5-Cl indoline 2(R/S) carboxylic acid**

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S) phenylalanyl)-5-Cl indoline 2-(R/S) carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in Example 1.

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1-[N-tButoxycarbonyl-2(S) phenylalanyl]-5-Cl indoline 2(R/S) carboxylic acid 2,2,2 trifluoroamide.

This compound was prepared from 1-(N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S) phenylalanyl)-5-Cl indoline 2(R/S) carboxylic acid as described in Example 1.

5

1-[2-(S)-phenylalanyl]-5-Cl-indoline 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from the above compound as described in Example 1.

10 MP: 71-80°C.

Element Analysis: $C_{20}H_{19}ClF_3N_3O_2(CF_3CO_2H)1.7$

Found: C 45.39 %, H 3.39 %, N 6.66 %,

Calculated: 45.36 %, H 3.37 %, 6.78 %.

MS(FAB): 426(M+1), 79.8 %.

15 HPLC purity: 99.4 %.

EXAMPLE 21

Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

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4-Methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from methyl 4-methoxyindole-2-carboxylate as described in example 1.

25 1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from 4-methoxyindoline -2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described for in example 1. However this time the filtrate was washed with water and the aqueous layer extracted with diethyl ether (3 x
30 15 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium

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sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a colourless oil which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 20:1 dichloromethane:diethyl ether as eluent. A white foam was obtained after drying.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid as described in example 1.

15

1-[2(S)-Aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in

20 example 1.

mp 125-149°C

Elemental analysis: $C_{16}H_{20}F_3N_3O_3 \cdot 1.4(CF_3CO_2H)$

Found: C 43.51 %, H 4.33 %, N 8.07 %

Calculated: C 43.51 %, H 4.16 %, N 8.10 %

25 HPLC purity: 97.5 % (S isomer)

EXAMPLE 22

Synthesis of 1-[2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

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5-Chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from ethyl 5-chloroindole-2-carboxylate as described in example 1. However this time 5-6 equivalence of magnesium turnings were used instead of 2-3 eq. of magnesium turnings.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from 5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester and N-t-butoxycarbonylaminoacetic acid as described for in
10 example 21. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit:diethyl ether as eluent.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-glycyl]-5-
15 chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-glycyl]-5-
20 chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described for in example 21.

1-[2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2-glycyl]-5-
25 chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in example 1.

mp 170-176°C

Elemental analysis: $C_{13}H_{13}ClF_3N_3O_2 \cdot 1.4(CF_3CO_2H)$

Found: C 38.37 %, H 2.77 %, N 8.39 %

30 Calculated: C 38.31 %, H 2.93 %, N 8.48 %

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HPLC purity: 98.2 %

EXAMPLE 23

Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide hemitrifluoroacetate

5-Chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from ethyl 5-chloroindole-2-carboxylate as described in example 22.

10

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from 5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-L-alanine as described in example 21.

15

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1.

20 1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described in example 21.

25 1-[2(S)-Alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide hemitrifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in example 1.

30 mp 158-164°C

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Elemental analysis: $C_{14}H_{15}ClF_3N_3O_2 \cdot 0.5(CF_3CO_2H)$

Found: C 44.40 %, H 3.91 %, N 10.23 %

Calculated: C 44.29 %, H 3.84 %, N 10.33 %

HPLC purity: 99.7 % (30.4 % + 69.3 %) (R+S isomer)

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EXAMPLE 24

**Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

10 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic
acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared from 5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
methyl ester and N-t-butoxycarbonylaminopropionic acid as described in
example 21. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel
15 using 8:2 petroleum spirit:diethyl ether as eluent.

**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic
acid**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-norvalyl]-5-
20 chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1.

**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic
acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-norvalyl]-5-
25 chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described in example 21.

**1-[2(S)-Norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-
trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-norvalyl]-5-
30 chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in

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example 1.

mp 130-138°C

Elemental analysis: $C_{16}H_{19}ClF_3N_3O_2 \cdot 1.4(CF_3CO_2H)$

Found: C 42.07 %, H 3.63 %, N 8.02 %

5 Calculated: C 42.02 %, H 3.83 %, N 7.82 %

HPLC purity: 98.3 % (R+S isomer)

EXAMPLE 25

Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

10 (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from 5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
15 methyl ester and N-t-butoxycarbonyl-L-methionine as described in example 21.

The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 3:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
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This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 5:1 dichloromethane:methanol as eluent.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described for in example 21.

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1-[2(S)-Methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in
5 example 1. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 5:1 dichloromethane : methanol as eluent.

mp 139-145°C

Elemental analysis: C₁₆H₁₉ClF₃N₃O₂S; 0.1(CF₃CO₂H)

Found: C 46.41 %, H 4.62 %, N 10.04 %

10 Calculated: C 46.19 %, H 4.57 %, N 9.97 %

HPLC purity: 98.6 % (R+S isomer)

EXAMPLE 26

**Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
15 (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

Ethyl azidoacetate

This compound was prepared from ethyl bromoacetate as described in example
7.

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Ethyl 2-azido-3-(2-methylphenyl)butanoate

Sodium pieces (5.15 g, 240 mmol) were added in portions to ethanol (157 ml). The resulting solution was cooled in an ice/acetone bath to -15°C and then over one hour a mixture of 2-methylbenzaldehyde (7.209 g, 60 mmol) and ethyl
25 azidoacetate (30.980 g, 240 mmol) was added at a rate that maintained the temperature below 10°C. After 3 hours, the solution was stored at 5°C for two days to give pure product as yellow crystals.

4-Methylindole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

30 This compound was prepared from ethyl 2-azido-3-(2-methylphenyl)butanoate

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as described in example 7.

4-Methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

This compound was prepared from 4-methylindole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester
5 as described in example 7. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 20:1 dichloromethane : diethyl ether as eluent.

**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-
10 carboxylic acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared from 4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 7.

**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-
15 carboxylic acid**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 7.

**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-
20 carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described in example 7.

**1-[2(S)-Aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-
25 trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in example 7.

mp 109-122°C

30 Elemental analysis: C₁₆H₂₀F₃N₃O₂; 1.3(CF₃CO₂H)

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Found: C 45.54 %, H 4.03 %, N 8.83 %

Calculated: C 45.45 %, H 4.37 %, N 8.55 %

HPLC purity: 98.6 % (R+S isomer)

5 **EXAMPLE 27**

Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

Methyl 2-azido-3-(2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)propenoate

- 10 This compound was prepared from 2,3-dimethoxybenzaldehyde as described in example 7.

4,5-Dimethoxyindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

- 15 This compound was prepared from methyl 2-azido-3-(2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)propenoate as described in example 26. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 4:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

4,5-Dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

- 20 This compound was prepared from 4,5-dimethoxyindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 22. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

- 25 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

This compound was prepared from 4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 7. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 3:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

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1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 7.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described in example 7.

1-[2(S)-Aminobutyl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in example 7.

mp 79-87°C

Elemental analysis: C₁₇H₂₂F₃N₃O₄·1.7(CF₃CO₂H)

Found: C 42.43 %, H 4.27 %, N 6.91 %

Calculated: C 42.01 %, H 4.10 %, N 7.20 %

HPLC purity: 100 % (R+S isomer)

EXAMPLE 28

Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

2,3-Methylenedioxy benzaldehyde

To a mechanically stirred degassed mixture of 2,3-dihydroxy benzaldehyde (7.80 g, 56 mmol) and cesium carbonate (16.20 g, 84 mmol) in acetonitrile (110 ml) was added bromochloromethane (5.46 g, 84 mmol) and the resulting

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suspension was heated to reflux. After 5 hours the reaction was cooled to room temperature and filtered through celite with ethyl acetate washings. The filtrate was concentrated and directly chromatographed on silica gel using 9:1 hexane:ethyl acetate as eluent.

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Methyl 2-azido-3-(2,3-methylenedioxyphenyl)propenoate

A solution of 2,3-methylenedioxy benzaldehyde (15.76 g, 104 mmol) and methylazidoacetate (48.38 g, 419 mmol) in methanol was cooled to -15°C using an ice/acetone bath. The resulting solution was then treated over one
10 hour with sodium methoxide (96 ml) at a rate that maintained the temperature below -10°C. After 3 hours, the solution was stored at 5°C for two days to give crystalline material which was filtered off and washed with hexane.

4,5-Methylenedioxyindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

15 This compound was prepared from methyl 2-azido-3-(2,3-methylenedioxyphenyl)propenoate as described in example 26. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 8:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

20 4,5-Methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 4,5-methylenedioxyindole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1. However this time 10 equivalence of magnesium turnings were used instead of 2-3 eq. of magnesium turnings. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3
25 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester

This compound was prepared from 4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-
30 carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1. The product was

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purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 10:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-

5 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxy indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid methyl ester as described in example 1. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 5:1 dichloromethane:methanol as eluent.

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**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-
2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxy indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid as described in example 7.

15 The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 3:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

**1-[2(S)-Aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate**

20 This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-4,5-methylenedioxy indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in example 7.

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Elemental analysis: C₁₆H₁₈F₃N₃O₄·1.5(CF₃CO₂H)

25 Found: C 43.95 %, H 4.13 %, N 7.40 %

Calculated: C 43.68 %, H 4.21 %, N 7.04 %

HPLC purity: 100 % (47.9 %, 52.4 %) (R+S isomer)

EXAMPLE 29

30 **Synthesis of 1-[2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic**

acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate hydrate**1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

5 This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (from example 6) as described in example 1. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 3:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

10 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-benzyloxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (1.27 g, 5.39 mmol) in ethyl acetate (28ml) was hydrogenated under an atmosphere of hydrogen in the presence
15 of palladium on activated carbon at room temperature for 24 hours. The catalyst was filtered through celite with ethyl acetate washing. The filtrate was concentrated and directly chromatographed on silica gel using 2:3 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

20 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-trifluoromethyl sulfonato indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide**

1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (0.87 g, 1.95 mmol) in pyridine (6 ml) was cooled to 0°C using an ice bath under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Triflic
25 anhydride (0.66 g, 2.34 mmol) was added. After one hour the solution was stored at 5°C for a day. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 5:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

30 **1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl**

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indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

A mixture of 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-trifluoromethyl sulfonateindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (0.83 g, 1.43 mmol), trimethylsilyl acetylene (0.24 ml, 2.15 mmol), triethylamine (2.26 ml) and dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (70 mg, 0.10 mmol) in dimethylformamide (11 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 4 hours under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with brine and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using 4:1 petroleum spirit:ethyl acetate as eluent.

1-[N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

To the solution of 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-(trimethylsilyl)ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide (0.43 g, 0.81 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (7ml), potassium carbonate (0.02 g) was added under an atmosphere of nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for several hours. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo.

1-[2(S)-Aminobutyl]-5-ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate hydrate

This compound was prepared from 1-[N-t-butoxycarbonyl-2(S)-aminobutyl]-5-ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide as described in example 7.

mp 140-149°C

Elemental analysis: $C_{17}H_{18}F_3N_3O_3 \cdot 2.3(CF_3CO_2H) \cdot 1.0(H_2O)$

Found: C 40.87 %, H 3.75 %, N 6.46 %

Calculated: C 40.93 %, H 3.55 %, N 6.63 %

HPLC purity: 100 % (45.3 %, 54.6 %) (R+S isomer)

Measurement of the Inhibition of Tripeptidyl Peptidase II (TPP II)

The inhibition of TPP II was measured using the procedure described in WO 96/35805.

5 The potency of the compounds of the invention was evaluated by measuring the activity of membrane TPP II. The degree of inhibition by the compounds of the invention is expressed as the dissociation constant (K_i), calculated from the concentration needed to provide 50% inhibition, and from the K_m of the substrate (23 μ M).

10 Membranes of rat cerebral cortex were obtained by centrifugation (200,000 x g min) of a homogenate in 10 volumes of a 50mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 7.4.

 The centrifugation pellet was carefully washed and taken up in a buffer containing 10% glycerol and 0.1% Brij 35 to obtain a concentration of 25mg
15 protein/ml.

 After 25 minutes of preincubation, incubation is carried out in 0.1 ml of a buffer containing 0.1% Brij 35, 100mM bestatin, 25 μ g of membrane protein and 50 μ M of substrate Ala-Ala-Phe-Amc (AAF-Amc). Liberation of 7-amino-4-methylcoumarin (Amc) is evaluated by fluorimetry.

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Table 1 shows the inhibition data obtained for the compounds of Examples 1 to 10.

Table 1: Inhibition of AAF-Amc Hydrolysis by Cerebral Membranes.

Compound of Example	K _i (nM)
1	0.40
2	1.7
3	15
4	3
5	1.2
6	2.8
7	0.56
8	0.36
9	0.7
10	1.1

Table 2 shows comparative data between the following comparative compounds known in the art for their inhibiting activity on TPPII and some compounds of the invention :

- C.C.1 : 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid n-butylamide
- 10 C.C.2 : 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid n-butylamide (named Butabindide);
- C.C.3 : 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid ethylamide
- C.C.4: 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid n-butylamide

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C.C.5 : 1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid n-butylamide

Table 2 : Inhibition of AAF-Amc Hydrolysis by Cerebral Membranes

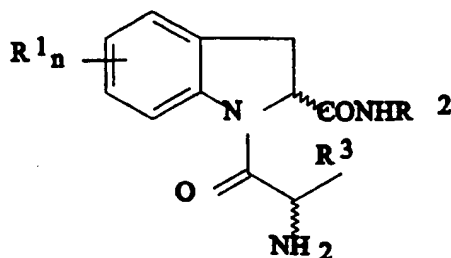
Comparative compound	Ki (nM)	Compound of the invention	Ki (nM)
C.C.1	2.5	ex. 1	0.4
C.C.2	7	ex. 4	3
C.C.3	12	ex. 5	1.2
C.C.4	6.6	ex. 6	2.8
C.C.5	8	ex. 9	0.7

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CLAIMS

1. A compound of the following formula I:

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wherein: each R^1 may be the same or different, and is chosen from

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halogen; OH; C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkenyl or C_1-C_6 alkynyl, optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $X(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, wherein X is S, O or OCO, and the alkyl is optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $SO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, optionally substituted by at least one halogen; or YSO_3H , $YSO_2(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, wherein Y is O or NH and the alkyl is optionally substituted by at least one halogen; a diradical $-X^1-(C_1-C_2 \text{ alkylene})-X^1-$ wherein X^1 is O or S; a benzene ring fused to the indoline ring;

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n is from 0 to 4;

R^2 is CH_2R^4 , wherein R^4 is

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C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $(CH_2)_pZ(CH_2)_qCH_3$, wherein Z is 1 or 3, p is from 0 to 5 and q is from 0 to 5, provided that $p + q$ is from 0 to 5;

C_2-C_6 unsaturated alkyl; or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

or R^2 is C_1-C_6 alkyl or $O(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, each optionally substituted by at least one
30 halogen;

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R^3 is H ; C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by at least one halogen ; $(CH_2)_pZR^5$ wherein p is from 1 to 3, Z is O or S and R^5 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl ; benzyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof; provided that:

- 5 when $n = 0$ or when n is not 0, R^1 representing a halogen atom or a $O-(C_1-C_4$ alkyl), OH or C_1-C_4 alkyl group, then R^2 cannot be a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group or CH_2R^4 with R^4 being $-(CH_2)_2SCH_3$, $-(CH_2)_2OH$ or cyclohexyl, R^3 representing a hydrogen atom or a (C_1-C_4) alkyl group.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein:

- 10 each R^1 may be the same or different, and is chosen from halogen; OH; C_1-C_6 alkyl, optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $X(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), wherein X is S, O or OCO, optionally substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $SO_2(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), optionally substituted by at least one halogen; or YSO_3H , $YSO_2(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), wherein Y is O
15 or NH optionally substituted by at least one halogen;

n is from 0 to 4;

R^2 is CH_2R^4 , wherein R^4 is

- C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; $(CH_2)_pZ(CH_2)_qCH_3$, wherein Z is O, S, p is from 0 to 5 and
20 q is from 0 to 5, provided that $p + q$ is from 0 to 5;

C_2-C_6 unsaturated alkyl; or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

or R^2 is C_1-C_6 alkyl or $O(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), each optionally substituted by at least one halogen;

- 25 R^3 is H ; C_1-C_6 alkyl.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein R^3 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, preferably ethyl.

4. A compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein R^3 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by at least one halogen; $(CH_2)_pZR^5$ where p, Z
30 and R^5 are as defined in claim 1; or benzyl.

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5. A compound according to claim 4, wherein R^3 is -
(CH₂)₂SCH₃.
6. A compound according to anyone of claim 1 to 5, wherein
 R^2 is CH₂R⁴, R⁴ being C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by at least one halogen; (CH₂)_p
5 Z(CH₂)_qCH₃ wherein Z is O (p and q are as defined in claim 1); C₂-C₆
unsaturated alkyl; or R^2 is O (C₁-C₆) alkyl optionally substituted by at least one
halogen.
7. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein
 R^2 is CH₂R⁴, R⁴ being CH₂OCH₃, CH₂SCH₃, SCH₃, CH(OH)CH₃, C=CH₂, C≡CH
10 or cyclopropyl, preferably CH₂OCH₃, CH(OH)CH₃, CH₂SCH₃, or R^2 is HCH₃.
8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein
 R^2 contains at least one halogen atom, preferably selected between fluorine
and chlorine.
9. A compound according to claim 8, wherein R^2 is CH₂R⁴
15 with R⁴ representing CHF₂, CF₃, CF₂CF₃, CH₂F, CH₂Cl, preferably CF₃ or
CF₂CF₃ and most preferably CF₃.
10. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein
n is 0.
11. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein
20 n is not 0 and R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by at least one halogen, OH or
mixtures thereof; X (C₁-C₆ alkyl) wherein X is S or OCO, optionally substituted
by at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; O(C₁-C₆ alkyl) substituted by
at least one halogen, OH or mixtures thereof; SO₂(C₁-C₆ alkyl), optionally
substituted by at least one halogen; or YSO₃H, YSO₂(C₁-C₆ alkyl) wherein Y is
25 O or NH optionally substituted by at least one halogen.
12. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 and 11,
wherein R¹ is CH₃, OCH₃, Cl, F, OH, OCF₃, OSO₃H, OSO₂CH₃, OCOCH₃,
OSO₂CF₃, SO₂CH₃, SCH₃, NHSO₂CH₃ or CF₃, preferably OCH₃, OH, Cl or F.
13. A compound according to anyone of claims 1 to 9, wherein
30 n is not 0 and R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkenyl or C₁-C₆ alkynyl.

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14. A compound according to claim 13, wherein R¹ is -C≡CH-.

15. A compound according to anyone of claims 1 to 9, wherein n is 1 and R¹ is a diradical -X¹-(C₁-C₂ alkylene)-X¹- where X¹ is as defined in claim 1, preferably attached to the indoline ring at the 4,5-positions or 5,6-positions.

16. A compound according to claim 15, wherein R¹ is -OCH₂O-.

17. A compound according to anyone of claims 1 to 9, wherein n is 1 and R¹ is a benzene ring fused to the indoline ring preferably at the 4,5-positions or 5,6-positions.

18. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 and 11 to 14, wherein n is 1 or 2, preferably 2.

19. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 18, which is:

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-chloroindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid 2-
chloroethylamide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S) carboxylic acid (2-
methylthioethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid N-
(cyclopropylmethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-indoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-
trifluoroethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-hydroxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2,-trifluoroethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid
(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-4-fluoroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

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(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-methoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide;

1-(2(S)-aminobutyryl)-5-trifluoromethoxyindoline-2 (R/S)-

5 carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

20. A compound according to anyone of claims 1 to 18, which is:

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic

10 acid butyl amide trifluoroacetate

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid

2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5,6-dichloro-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid

2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

15 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz-[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid

2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

butyl amide trifluoroacetate

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz-[e]-indoline-2-(S)-carboxylic acid butyl

20 amide trifluoroacetate

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dichloro-indoline-2-(R/S)-carboxylic

acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-O-sulfato-indoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid

trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

25 1-[2-(S)-aminobutyryl]-benz[f]-indoline-2-(S/R)-carboxylic acid

2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate hemi hydrate

1-[2-(S)-phenylalanyl]-5-Cl-indoline 2(R/S)-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-

trifluoroethylamide trifluoroacetate

1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methoxyindoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid

30 (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate

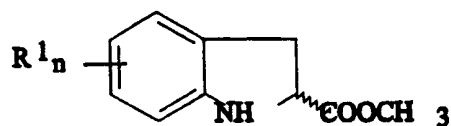
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- 1-[2-glycyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 1-[2(S)-alanyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide hemitrifluoroacetate
- 5 1-[2(S)-norvalyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 1-[2(S)-methionyl]-5-chloroindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4-methylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 10 (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-dimethoxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-4,5-methylenedioxyindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate
- 15 1-[2(S)-aminobutyryl]-5-ethynylindoline-2(R/S)-carboxylic acid (2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amide trifluoroacetate hydrate.

21. A process for preparing a compound of formula I, which process comprises

a) reacting a compound of the following formula II:

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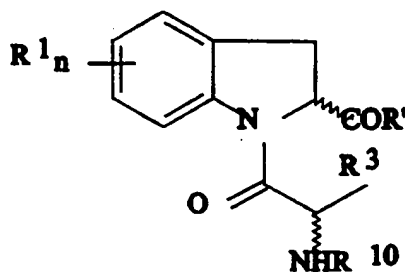
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with an optionally protected amino acid $R^3CH(NHR^{10})COOH$ (III), where n , R^1 and R^3 are as defined above and R^{10} is H or a protecting group, to obtain a compound of the following formula IV:

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(IV)

10 wherein R' is methoxy,

b) optionally hydrolysing the ester (IV) to the corresponding acid,

c) reacting the acid or ester (IV) with an amine of formula R²NH₂,

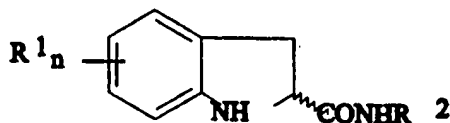
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d) optionally removing the protecting group R¹⁰, and optionally

15 converting the product thus obtained into a salt.

22. A process for preparing the compound of formula I, which process comprises

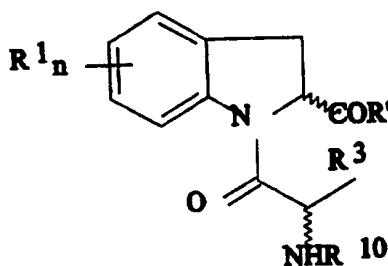
e) reacting a compound of formula V:



(V)

25 with an optionally protected amino acid of the formula (III) R³CH(NHR¹⁰)COOH, where n, R¹, R², R³ and R¹⁰ are as defined above, to obtain a compound of the following formula (IV):

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(IV)

wherein R' is NHR^2 , optionally removing the protecting group R^{10} , and optionally converting the product thus obtained into a salt.

23. A medicament acting as an inhibitor of the CCK-inactivating peptidase tripeptidyl peptidase (TPP II), which comprises a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 20.

24. A medicament for the treatment of an eating disorder, which comprises a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 20.

25. A medicament according to claim 24 for the treatment of obesity.

26. A medicament according to any one of claims 24 and 25, further comprising a compound effective in the treatment of obesity, for example selected from an adrenergic β_3 -receptor agonist, a histamine H_3 -receptor antagonist, a neuropeptide Y receptor (NPY-5) antagonist, a compound acting on the amylin receptor or a compound that increases the levels of noradrenaline, dopamine or serotonin in the brain e.g. dexfenfluramine, sibutramine or fluoxetine.

27. A medicament for the treatment of psychotic syndromes and associated psychiatric disorders, which comprises a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 20.

28. A medicament according to any one of claims 23 to 25 and

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27, comprising an effective dosage of a compound I suitable for an administration of 0.001 to 10 mg, preferably 0.01 to 1 mg per kg body weight per day.

29. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 20, together with pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

30. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 21 in the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting the CCK-inactivating peptidase tripeptidyl peptidase (TPP II).

10 31. Use according to claim 30 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of an eating disorder.

32. Use according to claim 30 or 31 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of obesity.

33. Use according to any one of claims 30 to 32, in combination with a compound effective in the treatment of obesity, for example selected from adrenergic β_3 -receptor agonist, a histamine H_3 -receptor antagonist, a neuropeptide Y receptor (NPY-5) antagonist, a compound acting on the amylin receptor or a compound that increases the levels of noradrenaline, dopamine or serotonin in the brain e.g. dexfenfluramine, 20 sibutramine or fluoxetine.

34. Use according to claim 30 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of psychotic syndromes and associated psychiatric disorders.

35. Cosmetic use of a compound according to any one of 25 claims 1 to 20 to aid slimming.

36. A cosmetic composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 19 together with a physiologically acceptable carrier or diluent.

37. A cosmetic composition according to claim 36, to aid 30 slimming.

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38. A non-therapeutic method of treatment of the human body for slimming, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 20, optionally with a physiologically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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